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Carey attacks Howard over 'wild frontier' policy of revenge



Carey: "Prisons must

BY RUTH GLEDHILL AND JILL SHERMAN

THE Archbishop of Canterbury last night accused the Government of moving towards a "wild frontier" penal system motivated by revenge rather than justice.

In an unprecedented attack on Michael Howard's policy of tougher prison sentences, Dr George Carey called for greater use of other punishments, such as community work and said: "If you treat people like animals, they will respond like animals. If you treat people with respect and justice, they are more likely to behave in a way which is

others." Revenge-driven punish-ment was "what we see in wild frontier societies which have no settled legal system".

Dr Carey's address to the Prison Reform Trust was the first intervention by a Church leader in the row between the Home Secretary and the judiciary over sentencing. Several senior judges have said that Mr Howard's plans, to be detailed in a Bill this autumn, will fetter their discretion to fit the punishment to the crime and even lead to more murders. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the retiring Lord Chief Justice, has

intends to use his last public speech on May 23 to step up his attack on

the proposals.

Last night Dr Carey said that deterrence was a proper purpose of imprisonment. But because so few criminals are actually caught, the practical deterrent effect of imprisonment is hotly disputed."

Arguing also that only a "fairly small minority" of prisoners were violent, he called for "investment in a more satisfactory range of community-based punishment, rehabilitation and reintegration in society". He added: "One wonders how the protection of the public for the duration of a person's sentence can

justify the huge numbers who shuftle in and out of the prison system today."

His speech was immediately criticised by the Home Office Minister Ann Widdecombe, although she said the Archbishop had made a very important contribution to the debate. Where I take issue with him is on the point that he says there are too many people in prison and deduces that this is a bad thing. Prison protects the public by taking people out of circulation and gives us a chance to rehabilitate them."

The Archbishop said that imprisoning offenders far from their homes unjustly punished innocent

families and disrupted the very relationships that could offer the best long-term hope of restoring the offender to a law-abiding life.

He particularly condemned the curtailment of home leave. "Of course I understand the need to convince the public that, as part of restoring relationships, a crime is repudiated with sufficient severity," he said. "At the same time, if the purposes of justice are to be served, prisons must be places where the motivation of hope is present and where the restoration of relation-

ships is encouraged." Dr Carey, who in the 1970s served as a prison chaplain at Durham,

said there had been great improvements in prisons, but too many people were still sent to jail, and he wanted to see a greater emphasis on rehabilitation in the community. Present penal policy is, in my opinion, weighted too heavily in favour of imprisonment, to the detriment of those forms of correc-tion which, I firmly believe, offer more hope in the long term."

Dr Carey said that despite improvements in the recorded crime rate, "the overall situation is that both crime and fear of crime have become a lot worse over a period of many years. They are now causing

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De Klerk pulls

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ANC coalition

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN CAPE TOWN AND

R.W. JOHNSON IN JOHANNESBURG

our society

SOUTH AFRICA'S National

Party yesterday announced its withdrawal from the Govern-

ment of National Unity, accel-

erating the rand's precipitous fall on the currency markets and steep declines in the stock

The first South African gov-

ernment without a nationalist

component since 1948 will be a

reality from the end of next

month. The split follows an

extended period of disaffection

between the African National

Congress and F. W. de Klerk's

It was brought to a head by

the terms of the new constitu-

which starkly underlined the

ANC's determination to dis-

pense with a national unity

government and opt for ma-

The move marks the end of

two years of power sharing

and the rebirth of the Nation-

the ANC.

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In a statement. Mr de Klerk,

the Second Deputy President,

said: "Now that the ANC has

opted for a simple form of

majority rule, despite the com-

plexities of our society, we

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mainly white party.

£31m bill for Dame Shirley and her team

By IAN MURRAY AND PHILIP WEBSTER

DAME SHIRLEY PORTER and five former colleagues were yesterday ordered to repay nearly £32 million over the Westminster City Council homes-for-votes scandal.

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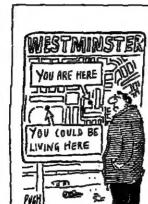
The six — three councillors and three officials -- were accused by a district auditor of wilful misconduct in masterminding a gerrymandering exercise to protect the slender

But John Major and other ministers adamantly refused to condemn them, and the Prime Minister accused Tony Blair of contemptible smear tactics in accusing the Government of complicity in the biggest single financial scandal in the history of local

Labour also claimed that Conservative leaders all the way up to Downing Street sanctioned the policy and de-manded a public inquiry into the findings of a seven-year investigation by the auditor John Magill. Mr Magill accused the for-

mer council leader Dame Shirley and her colleagues of trying to fix election results in marginal wards by moving out council tenants and selling their homes cheaply to people who were more likely to vote Conservative. His 2,000-page report pointed to a catalogue of deceit, obstruction and delay designed to hide "disgraceful and improper gerry-mandering between 1987 and

Mr Magill found that Dame Shirley and her colleagues had spent £31.7 million on the gerrymander policy and that they were "jointly and severally" liable to repay it, although



he laid emphasis on the role of the former council leader.

"Councillor Lady Porter knew it was unlawful and wrong for the council to exercise its powers to secure an electoral advantage for any political party or to gerryman-der or, in pursuit of such advantage for her party, she was at least recklessly indifferent as to whether it was right or wrong," he wrote.
But Dame Shirley — a Tesco

heiress who would have little difficulty in finding £32 million - said that she would take the issue to the High Court. "I will appeal against it," she said. "I am confident we will win in court when the evidence and case are heard by a proper judge.

"Mr Magill's investigation

has been blatantly unfair. One man has been prosecutor. judge and jury. He prejudged this case two years ago when he pronounced us guilty before hearing our evidence. The accusation that Westminster 'gerrymandered' and that there was a homes-for-votes policy is absurd — 85 per cent

of homes went to existing

The issue exploded in the Commons when Mr Major three times refused Mr Blair's demand that he should condemn Dame Shirley and her colleagues. The Prime Minister insisted that the issue had still to go before the courts and that those involved were vehemently protesting their inno-Mr Blair had made a judgment on the outcome before it had gone to court. That was a contemptible way to behave.

Mr Blair retorted that the allegations had been proven and it was contemptible that Mr Major had refused to condemn those responsible. If he continued in that approach. it will be crystal clear to the people that there are no depths. to which the Conservative Party will not stoop to gain reelection to any office it holds."

While senior Conservatives admitted privately that the findings were deeply damaging, the Commons row continued when Frank Dobson, the shadow environment secretary, alleged that the scandal did not just involve a few maverick councillors but the whole Tory party "including people at 10 Downing St."

He used parliamentary privilege to claim that Sir John Theeler, the Northern Ireland Minister, Sir Paul Beresford. the junior Environment Minister. Peter Brooke, the former Tory chairman, and Barry Legg, MP for Milton Keynes South West, were all involved to a greater or lesser extent".

The report cites a letter from Dame Shirley to Mrs (now Lady) Thatcher, before a meet-Westminster Conservative." ing with the then Prime Minis-The huge surcharge im-



ter in December 1986, "We in Westminster are trying to gentrify the City," Dame Shirey wrote. We must protect our electoral position which is being seriously eroded by the number of homeless that we have been forced to house. I am afraid that unless something can be done, it will be very difficult for us to keep

posed yesterday easily outstrips the £350,000 levied in 1985 on councillors in Liverpool and the £100,000 payorder served councillors in Lambeth at the height of the Labour "loony left" era in local government. The judicial review of the auditor's findings is unlikely to be heard until next year and the surcharge order is sus-

The six accused of "wilful misconduct" are Dame Shirley, the former deputy leader committee chairman Peter Hartley, former managing director Bill Phillips and senior housing officials Graham England and Paul Hayler.

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India poll rout

India's Congress Party has been routed in a general election that left no party capable of forming a majority government



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Wheezing hits nearly half of Britons

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY half of Britain's population will suffer from asthma or wheezing by the time they reach their early thirties, but research into the problem is being critically ignored, according to experts restenday.

A study of more than 18,000 people born in March 1958 suggests that a fifth of Britons have had asthma or a wheeze by the age of seven, a quarter by Io. and 43 per cent by 33.

But lan Govendir, the chief executive of the British Lung Foundation, said: Britain is becoming more and more affected by wheezing illness. yet research into this area has been critically ignored ... Lung disease receives only a very small share of the medical research cake compared

The figures come from one of the largest such research programmes in the world, by the National Child Development Study. It has yielded a mass of information on health and lifestyle over the last 38

The children or their parents were interviewed five times during the study. The analysis, by researchers at St George's hospital. London, shows that wheezing in childhood is linked to pneumonia. hay fever and eczema, but wheezing in early adulthood is most strongly linked to

smoking. A quarter of children who were asthmatic or wheezy at the age of seven were still suffering at 33. Many of those affected had a period of remission during their late teens. but the condition returned in adulthood. Writing in the British Medical Journal, the authors say: "We believe our study is unique in showing that even after a disease-free interval of seven years or more, subjects with a history of wheezing illness in childhood retained a risk of late wheezing above that of their

healthy peers." Although it is possible that they were more aware of asthmatic symptoms or continued the same lifestyle in adulthood that caused their symptoms in childhood, the most likely reason for the recurrence was that abnormalities of the airways persist-

ed through the teenage years. However, the influence of maternal smoking on wheezing in early childhood was "weak and inconsistent", in contrast to the findings of several other studies. Smoking was still a "powerful and potentially avoidable risk factor" for wheezing starting in adult life,

Dr Martyn Partridge, chief medical adviser to the National Asthma Campaign and consultant chest physician at Whipps Cross hospital, said asthma was increasing across the western world.

The cause of the increase remains a mystery, but is linked with modern lifestyles. Changes in diet and the living environment are the most likely factors.

The British Lung Foundation is launching Breathe Easy week next month to raise awareness and funds to help the wheezing population.

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Protesting too much in a House-for-votes scandal

ith much huffing and puffing, Tory and Labour MPs vesterday accused each other of doing what everyone knows both of them do: gloat about reports when the result suits them, and studiously ignore them when it does not. The district auditor had found heavily against certain Tories on Westminster Council. Suddenly the Conservative Party was overcome by a huge sense

Tory MPs became quite unable to comment, lest they

prejudice accused persons' ap-peals. Such fastidiousness! Odd how little of it one saw when Robert Maxwell fell.

Suddenly the Labour Party, which has seldom felt able to comment when Labour councils are caught misbehaving, was overtaken by moral horror of the noisiest sort. Odd how horror had been supressed when Labour councillors defied the law.

Yesterday it was the Tories' turn to come over all prim and proper about the rights of the accused to lodge their appeals.

Outside Westminster, the eve ning papers were hitting the news stands. Within, and in a space of hours, Tory concern for due process became little short of majestic. Pressed very forcefully by Tony Blair at PM's Questions, John Major made the best fist he could of righteous indignation, then counter-attacked on Labour's own record in local

Government It was unconvincing, but it was better than the alternative: if Major had condemned Tory councillors, we would



Obliged to take questions on

the auditor's report, the Envi-

ronment Secretary blew him-

self into such a storm of

have called him abject. In-stead, a difficult quarter hour left the Premier on the defensive, but on his feet. Major's most effective riposte was to accuse Tony Blair of pious moralising.

sanctimony that one would have thought he was guarding the Mace from the King's Perhaps the PM forgot who as to follow at the dispatch bullies, rather than protecting a shower of local councillors from censure over practices box. John Gummer is never which the auditor had called knowingly out-moralised.

Clay Cross, the principle of equality before the law, and a whole battery of phrases such as "Her Majesty's domains," all in the cause of saying (I think) that as an appeal was shortly to be lodged, he would rather reserve his judgment until it had been determined. Stated crisply, and repeated

disgraceful. Goggle-eyed and puff-cheeked. Mr Gummer dragged in Jeremy Thorpe. brusquely and without elaboration, Gummer might have

got away with it. He would have been assist-

ed in his escape by a misjudged performance from his Labour shadow. Frank Dobson, who went right over the top and appeared to accuse the universally respected Feter Brooke (C. City of London & Westminster S) of complicity. Leftie-with-beard versus Venerable Gent is a contest where all bets are on the Gent. A cold reserve would have been best, but Gummer so embroidered his reserve with piety, and so embroidered his piety with indignation, and so embroidered everything with repetition, that we were left wondering what possessed the man. In one surreal moment, he actually said: "The allegations" against these individuals are extremely serious and if they are found guilty, then they will be found seriously guilty, of serious misdemeanours." And in Her Majesty's domains ME THES IR CAY MAY

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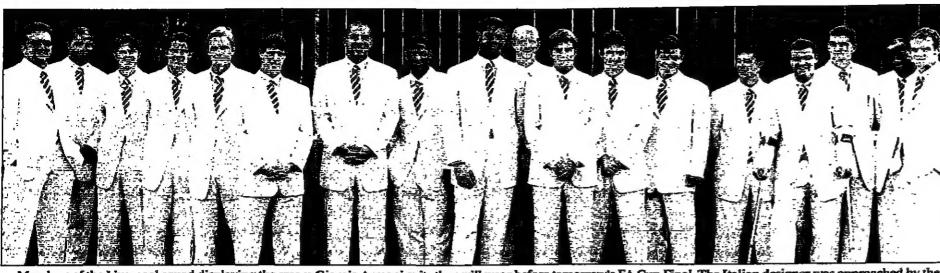
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"Methinks the lady doth protest too much." In seven words Shakespeare pinpoints the pitfall into which, threshing around in a log of verbiage. Mr Gummer fell.



Members of the Liverpool squad displaying the cream Giorgio Armani suits they will wear before tomorrow's FA Cup Final. The Italian designer was approached by the goalkeeper David James, second left, who has modelled for him in the past. Liverpool's opponents, Manchester United, will wear navy blue suits by Cecil Gee

FA investigates Euro 96 ticket sales



Phillips: said he had felt

By STEWART TENDLER, DAVID MADDOCK AND STEPHEN FARRELL

TEN THOUSAND applications for Euro 96 tickets are being vetted by the Football Association after a senior official allegedly broke the rules on ticket sales.

Yesterday the FA said that 30 clubs and organisations had been authorised to make block bookings for corporate hospitality packages in breach of security controls.

Last night UEFA, the governing body on football in Europe, said it would be asking the FA for an explanation of a serious breach of the security operation surrounding the biggest sporting event in Britain for 30 years. The FA may also have to explain its actions to the police.

Two of the 30 organisations were

detectives who believed their targets were touts buying tickets illegally to resell as part of hospitality packages. One of the companies is the National Sporting Club, based in the Café Royal, central London, and chaired by Bob Willis, the former England

The club always maintained that it had authorisation for the tickets. Now FA officials allege that some multiple ticket sales were authorised by Trevor Phillips, who resigned as commercial director of the FA earlier this week. Last night Mr Phillips, who left his job after a highly publicised police investigation into the distribution of tickets, returned to England after a brief holiday in Portugal. He said he would issue a statement soon. Mr Phillips said that he had merely been too honest, and had felt like quitting several times

people happy at the FA whatever he did. A spokesman at the FA confirmed that Mr Phillips had resigned over a number of issues, some unconnected to the tickets investiga-tion. There is no suggestion that he had profited from the sale of tickets to "unauthorised" corporate hospital-

Under the UEFA and FA rules for the championship, all multiple appli-cations for hospitality packages are supposed to be sold through two registered outlets. Yesterday the FA said in a statement that a number of organisations had made applications for tickets for groups or individuals. and Euro 96 is now writing to each organisation telling them security checks will be made on the buyers. If the buyers are genuine and have not ordered more than four tickets they

will receive them from the official vast majority of the buyers will get their tickets. One official said: "We are not claiming what has happened is ideal but we are in a position to bring the system back into line."

Yesterday directors of the National Sporting Club threatened to take action against the FA after it was raided by police investigating Euro 96 ticket sales. A director and a woman employee were bailed. Directors of the National Sporting Club accused FA officials of putting them on an approved list for tickets, then failing to inform police.

David Willis, a director of the club and Bob Willis's brother, said that Manchester United. Liverpool and Nottingham Forest football clubs were also authorised to make

De Klerk pull-out

Continued from page 1 the country's people" and were based on sound fiscal rectitude and would be promoted with Mr de Klerk also sought to

allay concerns by insisting that the economic policies of the Government are "sound" and that there was no reason to believe that the ANC would deviate from the course they had been instrumental in charting.

Since the all-race elections of 1994 the Nationalists, with a minority of Cabinet seats, have been battling to define themselves against an increasingly dominant and aggressive ANC which has outsmarted them in government and in constitutional talks.

With the industrial index off 154 points for the day and interest rates at worldwide highs, President Mandela portrayed the move as a step towards turning the country into a normal democracy.

In practical terms the decision means Mr de Klerk will step down from his post, five Nationalist ministers and three deputy ministers will resign, losing their ministerial offices, cars and perks in the process. It is not expected that all ministers will return to parliament. But Mr de Klerk said that rumours that he was planning to resign were false. adding that he was "raring to go as leader of Opposition". the

A decision on pulling out of coalition governments in South Africa's nine provinces.

of which the National Party only controls the Western Cape, will be taken next week. It is expected that it will be left up to individual provincial parties to decide on whether or not to withdraw so that the Nationalists are expected, for instance, to remain in the KwaZulu-Natal Government but leave the Eastern Cape where it has scant influence.

Tony Leon, leader of the Democratic Party, said the move would break a logiam in the current political situation. implying that it would spice up what has become tame debate on government pol-

The new opponents did not waste any time in getting down to political point scor-

One ANC spokesman said the National Party's move would only further their marginalisation, but Mr de Klerk scoffed at such suggestions, saving it was the start of their triumphant return as the

tions about the further participation of the Inkatha Freedom Party, the third coalition partner in the Government. Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader, has already threatened to pull out of the Government over the new unitary constitution, which he said is a recipe for disaster and has pledged to fight it through the courts. A senior party official said yesterday they would review the situation

British Rail's art auction puts pensioners on track to profits By JOHN SHAW yielded an overall total of £134 271, which cost £12.3 million of a series he painted in 1793.

fund is to sell works of art worth about £10 million. A group of antiquities, 24 Old Masters and a quantity of European sculpture, metalwork and enamels will go under Sotheby's hammer between July 2 and 4.

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majority party.
The move has raised ques-A EI4 million Renaissance masterpiece by Fra Bartolom-meo (1475-1517) is expected to

THE British Rail pension at £1 million.

They were acquired as part of an extensive investment in fine art which began in 1974. Although criticised by dealers at the time, the move has since proved outstandingly success-

The fund invested £40 million over six years and sales, begun nine years ago, have

BY JOANNA BALE

go to the Getty Museum in

California after the failure of

attempts to keep it in Britain. Lord Inglewood, the junior

Heritage Minister, extended

the export deadline for The

Holy Family with the Infant St

John in January in an attempt

to allow a British bidder to

come forward. The deadline

nassed on Wednesday without

per cent annual return over the retail prices index. Last month the fund's Indian and Persian miniatures made £2.2 million after being estimated

The fund says the investment has met the primary objective of safeguarding pen-sions by matching inflation over time. There has also been a real increase in values but a full assessment will be possible only once the entire portfolio has been sold.

More than 2,000 items were bought over a wide area of the

make a bid for it after apply-

ing for lottery money to buy a

work by Seurat instead. There

were also rumours that the

newly knighted Graham

Kirkham, the businessman

who made a substantial loan

to the Tory party, was, at one point, interested in buying it

The National Heritage De-partment said there had been

the money to save the painting

for the nation. The decision to

extend the deadline was hailed

serious intention" to raise

for Britain.

The National Gallery is as a test case for the export

million. This brought a 13.11 originally. Items are sold Sotheby's sold another study per cent cash return and a 5.33 when various sectors of the from this sequence for £1.8 market have been strong, as in the case of Old Masters. Seventeen were sold in December 1994 for a hammer price of £6.3 million (pre-sale estimate £5 million). They cost

£0.62 million originally. A further selection made £5.25 million (estimate £4 million) last July. The purchase price was £1.43 million.

The present group is expect-ed to fetch between £3 million and £5 million. The undoubted star is Goya's Death of a Picador, a vivid depiction of the bullfight estimated at £1 million to £1.5 million. It is one

acquire a licence for The Three

the National Art Collections

Fund, a leading art charity.

said last night: "We were

prepared to give a grant towards keeping it, but we

could never have come up with anywhere near the full

amount. I think it is very sad

the High Renaissance, one of

the finest to have come on the

This is a very great work of

indeed that it has gone.

market in recent years."

David Barrie, the director of

Graces by Canova.

£14m masterpiece to be exported

believed to have decided not to system after the Getty Muse-make a bid for it after apply- um's unsuccessful attempt to

million last July.

The series was painted when he was recovering from a near-fatal illness. They were done partly to help to pay medical bills and partly to aid his recuperation.

Many of the fund's pictures have been in blue chip exhibitions or hung in leading institutions including the British Museum, and the Victoria & Albert Museum, South Kensington. Others have gone abroad to places such as the Detroit Institute of Fine Art and the San Antonia Muse



The Holy Family with the Infant St John

NEWS IN BRIEF IRA bomber to stand in Ulster election

Gerry Kelly. 42. the convicted IRA bomber and hardline republican strategist. will stand for Sinn Fein in the elec-tion on May 30 to all-party talks in Northern Ireland (Nicholas Watt writes). The move comes amid reports that leading republicans are intensely debating whether to renew the IRA ceasefire or to step up the terrorist campaign. Mr Kelly is among 70 Sinn ein candidates for the poll. Gerry Adams, the party's president, will stand in West Belfast, and Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator with the British Government, will stand in Foyle. ☐ Sinn Fein won a significant concession from the Government last night when the Home Office agreed to transfer Paddy Kelly. 43. who was jailed for 25 years in 1993, to a jail in the Irish Republic.

Ecstasy chemicals seized

Ten thousand litres of chemicals capable of making millions of doses of Ecstasy have been seized after a two-year undercover operation by detectives in Britain aided by Dutch police. The chemicals, due to be imported into Britain, were found in a container at Rotterdam. It also contained six tons of cannabis. Yesterday police were questioning five men and two women arrested in London and Grimsby. Dutch police were holding seven suspects.

Geldof divorce date

THE marriage of Bob Geldof and Paula Yates is listed for a "quickie" divorce today at Somerset House, London. Ms Yates. 35, filed for divorce in December, citing adultery by Geldof as grounds. A week later, she revealed she was pregnant by the rock singer Michael Hutchence. Geldof, 41, former singer with the Boomtown Rats, and Ms Yates were together for 18 years and have three daughters, Fifi Trixiebelle, 12. Peaches, six, and Pixie, four.

Lottery 'losers' get £3,443

A couple from Cambridgeshire beat odds of three billion to one to match five National Lottery numbers on consecutive weeks, but are only £3.443 richer. Graham Worraker, 31. and his wife Angela, 26, from Stanground, were one number off the £11.5 million jackpot on April 13, and missed the £10.2 million prize by a similar margin a week later. Camelot said the average winnings for five correct numbers was £1,000.

Superfish breakthrough

Scientists at the University of Wales have created a superfish that promises to boost the fortunes of fish farmers in the developing world. The tilapia, or St Peter's fish, a popular species in Africa and Asia, has been genetically engineered to grow bigger and faster than unaltered strains, even in polluted water. Experts believe the breakthrough might make tilapia a staple in the Third World and an export money-spinner.

Shafto grant refused

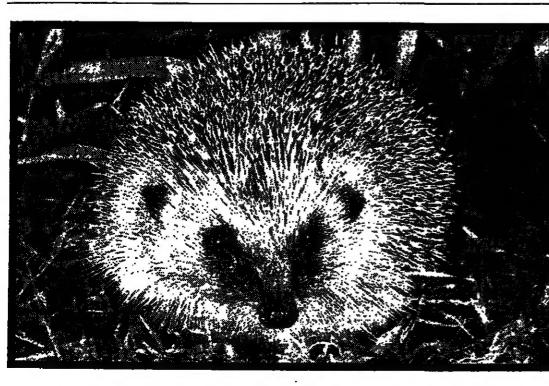
A lottery grant has been refused for a heritage centre at the home of the folk hero Bonny Bobbie Shafto. Sedgefield council had sought £760.000 to help to buy Whitworth Hall estate, the former Shafto home near Spennymoor, Co Durham. The National Heritage Memorial Fund said that although many people may know the nursery rhyme about Shafto going to sea, silver buckles on his knee, the building was "not of sufficient heritage importance".

Metronome aids walking

Researchers in Germany have discovered that the rhythmic beat of a metronome can help people with Parkinson's disease to walk and keep them out of danger in trafficclogged streets. In tests over a 40-metre course they walked faster and with fewer steps than without the accompanying beat. Stimulation with marching music was less effective. and tapping patients rhythmically on the shoulder made them worse, according to a report in The Lancet.

Protected bird at risk

A protected hen chaffinch that has taken up residence in the Tesco supermarket in Carlisle is facing death. Pest exterminators have applied for a licence to kill the bird, which has evaded all attempts to capture or liberate it during the past fortnight. Chaffinches are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. The store's duty manager said that the bird would be killed only if all attempts to



What was once a free kick is now a

penalty.

As the law stood you could go outside and play football with a live hedgehog. On the 29th April a new law came into force, with the passing of the Wild Mammals (Protection) Act. It is now an offence

to intentionally inflict unnecessary suffering on any wild mammal. If you see anyone

cruelly treating a wild mammal please report it to the RSPCA. Just call us on 0990 555999 and we can now take action. What was once 'criminal' is now an offence.



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The endangered species discovered stuffed at Nicolaas Peters' home included, from left, the ring-tailed lemur, the Siberian tiger and the Palawan peacock pheasant. More than 500 specimens were found

Dealer had rare species killed for skulls and skins



stand on

Peters: admitted charges

By LIN JENKINS

A WILDLIFE dealer who had endangered species killed to order and their skulls and skins smuggled into Britain was jailed for two years yesterday.
Nicolaas Peters was for five

years systematically engaged in the smuggling of animals threatened with extinction. A raid on his remote home led to the largest seizure of

Experts had the task of identifying more than 500 items. Inspector Phil Lewis of the RSPCA said: Walking into his house was like walking into a dead zoo." Among

a Siberian tiger and a monkeyeating eagle from the Philippines. Trade in both species was banned under CITES, the international convention on endangered species. Jailing Peters at Chester Crown

Court, Judge David said: "You have persistently and deliberately flouted the regulations for profit. It is clear you contemplated that in some instances birds would be hunted and killed in order to

Peters, 41, a Dutchman, had pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing eight counts of fraudulently town. Powys. Mr Teague said he exporting and importing specihad sold

the convention. Six species under the title The American Headhuntserious threat of extinction in the er, and Jay Villemarette, trading wild featured in the charges, infrom Oklahoma as Skulls Unlimited. Letters had been found refer-ring to the sale for \$300 dollars to cluding the Philippine monkey-eating eagle, of which only 50 pairs survive, the ring-tailed lemur, Palawan peacock pheasant, Humboldt penguin and blue-naped parrot. Thomas Teague, for the prosecu-

tion, told the court: The damage done can't be expressed in financial Peters ran his illegal business, called Identity Products, from his home at Aberhafesp, near New-

to two dealers: Paul

Mr Micallef of a Siberian tiger's skull and other items. Mr Villemarette had bought the skull of a babirusa, a rare protected pig, "It had special value to any collector because it was apparently used as an artefact in tribal rituals," Mr Teague said.

He read extracts of letters from a wildlife supplier. Peter Cua, which warned Peters to take precautions to avoid detection. Specimens from

Micallef, trading in Texas under Mr Cua were labelled according to a private code using plate numbers from a book on Philippine birds.

In the raid on Peters' home last August two boxes were found containing more than 250 carefully labelled skins of birds from the Philippines, of which 42 were from 16 protected species. "It is quite clear from the correspondence that Peter Cua was willing to have specimens hunted to order on behalf of the defendant," Mr

David Whittaker, for Peters, said the business had grown from a hobby. Possessing some of the specimens was not unlawful, although trading in them without a licence was. Some skins were obtained from museums and zoos and had come from animals which had died a natural death.

"Whereas once he was well regarded and respected, he is now deemed a pariah." Mr Whittaker said. "Zoos, fellow collectors and taxidermists have all effectively washed their hands of Mr Peters. His business will suffer irreparable damage long after today's outcome."

Jim Caldwell, of Customs and Excise, said prosecutors in the United States and Belgium were considering charges against Peters'

Fenner's groundsman was 'put out to grass'

By ROBIN YOUNG was not told of the decision

TONY POCOCK thought he had a job for life. As only the fourth head groundsman since 1860 to tend the pitches at Fenner's, Cambridge University's cricket ground, he seemed to have cause to think

he was on a good wicket. Yet in 1994, three decades after he started work as an apprentice at the age of 16, and vears after he was promoted to head groundsman, Mr Pocock retired hurt because he was told to look after plastic pitches, an industrial tribunal

was told yesterday. Poor wickets for Cambridge's match against Worcestershire and the Combined Universities game against New Zealand in 1994 brought complaints to Lord's. Inspectors from the Test and County Cricket Board decided all three wickets had to be relaid,

the tribunal was told. Mr Pocock. 48, claims he and that Harry Brind, a TCCB inspector, and Mike Corley, a consultant, were brought in to

oversee the work. He says he was told by Tony Lemons, the university's director of physical education, to accept a job in the indoor sports complex. looking after synthetic pitches. He became depressed and

went on sick leave. He never went back to work and in April last year retired on health grounds. He has not had a job since. Mr Pocock is claiming constructive dismissal at the tribunal hearing in Bedford, saying he "edged" out of his job.

Mr Pocock said yesterday: Mr Lemons gave me the impression he wanted control of Fenner's. He wanted me out. I felt upset to see the wickets, which I had looked after for 30 years, relaid without my assistance. I loved

my job as head groundsman. My life revolved around it. I had anticipated that it would be a job for life."

He claimed the problems in 1994 were caused by the wet start to the season. He watered the pitch five days before the New Zealand game, but then had to put covers on "because the weather was so dreadful". it would not ary out. There was nothing I could have done to prevent that," he said.

He attributed his ill health to anxiety and unhappiness at work, saving: "Until the sum-mer of 1994, my health had

Ingrid Simla, for Mr Poecek, told the hearing: They decided to use Mr Pocock as a scapegoat. They went to outside consultants and they effectively stepped over him.

Cambridge is contesting the claim, saying there was no intention to push Mr Pocock out. Dr Andrew Cosh, senior bursar of Queen's College and a member of the Fenner's management committee, said that the university's first-class status was in jeopardy because of the way Mr Pocock had prepared the pitches. After he left the quality was enormously better.

The pitches at Fenner's were mentioned in the 1995 edition of Wisden. The entry read: Much has been made of the declining standard of pitches at Fenner's but this was arrested in 1994, with the promise of further improvement following the decision to relay the entire square bit by bit, starting in the winter of 1994-95. The wet weather did not help Tony Pocock."

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Boy whose arm was torn off by chimp sues zoo

BY ADRIAN LEE

A YOUNG boy whose arm was torn off by a chimpanzee. leaving a three-inch stump, began a claim for £200,000 compensation yesterday against a 700.

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Matthew McDaid, who is ten next week, was on a family visit to Port Lympne Zoo at Hythe, Kent, six years ago when a chimpanzee called Bustah reached out of its cage. Matthew's left arm was grabbed between the bars and torn off just below the shoul-

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der. The animal brandished the severed limb at keepers who tried to retrieve it.

The arm could not be reattached and because the remaining stump is so short Matthew cannot, at present, be fitted with a permanent false limb. The 200, one of two in Kent owned by John Aspinall, 70, does not deny liability but disputes the level of compensation for the boy's future care and loss of amenity.

Matthew's mother Frances, of Eltham, southeast London. said her son was determined to be independent but struggled with everyday tasks and activities, including dressing.

eating and playing sports.
Simon Michael, for Matthew, said the boy would need a further two or three operations if he was to have a permanent false arm fitted. There were no guarantees the operations would be a success. Manhew was a fiercely

determined young man" who played the cello using a temporary false arm that could be fitted over his clothes. Mr Michael said. He found it heavy and troublesome but The is determined to be as

independent as he can". Mrs McDaid, who works part-time in a department store, had described how her son battled to cope. Simple chores such as washing, brushing his teeth, buttoning his shirt, unzipping his trousers and curing food were either impossible or took many minutes.

Marthew, who will not give evidence, sat at the back of the court writing in a book as his parents gave evidence at the High Court. So far he has received 58,250 in interim payments, while his parents were awarded £11.000 in a separate case, in 1993, for

damages and shock.

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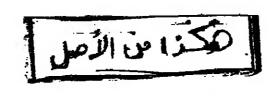
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Father says poor malaria advice led to daughter's death

BY JOANNA BALL

A FORMER adviser to Margaret Thatcher has called for more information to be given to travellers on the dangers of malaria after his daughter died of the disease.

Dr Caroline Fraser, 40, died after a contracting malaria on holiday in South Africa. After an inquest into her death yesterday, her father. Sir Angus Fraser, claimed that she had not been given enough advice. He said: "From what I have heard in court I feel she should have got more."

Dr Fraser, a physics lecturer at Christ Church, Oxford, died three weeks after returning from South Africa in January this year. She was bound dead in her bed at Christ Church on January 29. A post-mortem examination showed that she had died of malaria. Her travelling companion, Bridget Townsend, told the inquest that the travel agency advised them about vaccinations and precautions. They also consulted their GPs.

Miss Townsend said they had received conflicting advice about malaria tablets and did not buy any until they arrived in South Africa on December 15. They travelled all over the country, spending most of the trip camping, but did not have mosquito nets.

mosquito nets.

Miss Townsend said: "It was a ritual to cover ourselves in mosquito repellent and to take our tablets. We were both bitten, but Caroline was bitten more than me." She said that they took the recommended dose and never forgot to take the tablets. Miss Townsend



Caroline Fraser: given conflicting warnings

said: "We got back on January 7 and I continued taking the tablets for two weeks. Caroline was taking her tablets up to January 19." Miss Townsend said that Dr Fraser stopped taking the tablets before she had. She said: "Caroline said she had finished with them, but it was said in a way that meant 'don't nag me'."

meant don't nag me."
Dr Fraser telephoned Miss
Townsend to say she felt ill.
"Caroline said it was flu-like
and she felt delirious," Miss
Townsend said.

Nurse Frances Fairweather, told the inquest that Dr Fraser came to see her at the college on January 25. "She said she had been feeling unwell for three days. She said her limbs ached and she felt fluey. I took her temperature and checked her throat, but saw no signs of infection. I suggested that she went to bed and I gave her pain killers. She did not mention she had been abroad." Four days later

Nurse Fairweather went to check on her and found her dead in bed.

The court also heard a statement from Dr Ken Worthy-Browne, of the Jericho Medical Centre in Oxford. He said he had innoculated Dr Fraser and advised her on malaria tablets. At this point, Sir Angus asked for more details on the advice his daughter had been given but as the doctor was abroad, the coroner, Nicholas Gardiner, said that no further details were available.

Professor David Warrell of the centre for tropical medicine at the John Radcliffe Hospital. Oxford, told the inquest that over the past few decades malaria had been well controlled, but this year, because of heavy rain, the number of victims had dramatically increased. He said: "There have been 100 malaria deaths this year in South Africa."

He advised people to take the tablets for one week before going on holiday and four weeks after returning. He said travellers should always wear repellent and use mosquito nets. He admitted that the most commonly used malaria tablets were not as effective as they used to be because mosquoes had built up resis-

tance over the years.

He said there were more effective drugs but they had severe side effects. Mr Gardiner recorded a verdict of death by natural causes. Afterwards, Dr Fraser's brother Simon. 32, said: "There must be ways to make clear to people travelling abroad what they should and should not be doine."



Opening scene: Fanny Ardent and Judith Godreche launch their film Ridicule, the first of the festival, but the press pack was desperately seeking Madonna

Absent Madonna with child steals show at Cannes

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent, in cannes

HAVING spent years securing a berth as the brassy blonde who would overstep any mark and grab any photo-opportunity to hog the headlines, Madonna made herself the focus of attention in Cannes yesterday by being nowhere to be seen.

Photographers are waiting

for her expected first public

outing since last month's announcement that she is with child. At the film industry's festival, where almost everyone wants to be seen, only the biggest names can play around with invisibility. The festival started formally last night, with the launch of a film appropriately named Ridicule. Out of 4,000 journalists in town, most seemed more interested in combing the French Riviera for the singer-cum-actress. If they can't get a sighting of her, they will settle for Dustin

Hoffman or Catherine Deneuve.

Some things never change. The grand hotels that hug the curve of the Croisette are teeming with writers, financiers and hangers-on, all talking about more movies than will ever make it to the screen. The beautiful people are indulging in shameless eye-to-eye contact with the useful people. Producers, directors and deal-makers are accompanied by stunning girls who may not always

their looks. Meeting the right people is the trick. One man found his way into the hotelroom of Nicolas Cage and Patricia Arquette discovering him under their bed, they screamed. He ran off.

streamed. He ran off.
Stariets still go knocking at producer's hotel-room doors. As casting does not always demand acting skill, the technique sometimes works. However, fear of Aids is believed to have made the festival's social activities more restried. One observer recalled: "Girls used to be dressed in evening clothes when they came out of hotels in the morning. You don't see

that as much now."

With more than 600 films at this 49th festival, competition is fierce and a launch party can make all the difference in being noticed or ignored. Miramax, a subsidiary of Disney, is liaising with Polygram, a British company, in throwing a bash for Trainspotting, the drama set among drug-takers in Edinburgh. Up to 1,200 guests will party until 6am.

Another party is for Fargo,

by the American Coen broffers, Joel and Ethan. As the film is set in a snow-covered landscape, artificial snow will be laid down at a French villa.

"It's a very hip film." a Polygram insider said. "We'll be celebrating in a suitably

Drugs increasingly fail to provide protection

By JEREMY LAURANCE

CASES of the severest kind of malaria have risen sharply in the past decade and there has been a dramatic increase in cases where drugs have failed to provide protection. A growing number of travellers to exotic climes fail to follow advice on protection and are now dising with death.

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Last year more than 2,000 people who visited malarial zones developed the disease after returning to Britain and five died. The year before there was a similar number of cases and little other.

and II deaths.

All the deaths were caused by plasmodium falciparum, a parasite that causes a malignant form of malaria with a death rate of 20 per cent if left untreated. The parasite ac-

counts for more than half the cases in Britain and it is resistant to standard treatment with chloroquine.

Dr Ron Behrens, director of the travel clinic at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases in London, said: "West Africa is by far the highest risk area. But central Africa and parts of Tanzania are also risky. We have just had our first South African death."

In many places the risks depend on the state of hygiene services and investment in mosquito control. People travelling to high risk areas are advised to take mefloquine (brand name: Lariam) but this is now the subject of review by the Malaria Study Group after reports that users have

experienced psychological side effects, including depression and nightmares.

Dr Behrens said: "I do recommend mefloquine but it all depends on the risk of disease. Where it is high you have got to take an agent that is effective even though there is a risk of a reaction. It is a question of balance."

No anti-malarial drug is totally effective. A report in the Lancet said that the average time for malaria to become manifest after a return from an overseas holiday, and when the prophylaxis has been ineffective, is about 14 days for those taking chloroquine and paludrine and 44 days for those taking mefloquine.

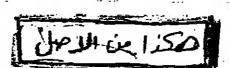


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BBC puts a price on era of digital television

THE BBC promised a new range of programming yester-day for viewers prepared to invest in digital sets and decoder boxes. The service will include a 24-hour news channel and an interactive learning

To encourage consumers to switch to digital receivers, John Birt, the BBC's Director-General, pledged that its first digital channels, many in cinema-style widescreen for-mats, would be available free from 1998.

Within the next ten years households could have a choice of many hundreds of channels," Mr Birt said. "Individuals will have access to a cross between a television and a personal computer with a large, flat screen on the wall, just a few inches thick, showing brilliant high-quality pic-tures, with CD-quality sur-

round sound."
The BBC's first digital service will be a 24-hour news channel. The corporation will also broadcast digital "side channels" at different times of the day to accompany its other ASSESSMENT TO COMEST AND

Channel 5 will be simulcast

in the digital format too. although none of these has advanced its plans as far as

New providers, offering

paid-for channels, are also

expected to enter the digi-

tal market. Eventually, the BBC will have subscrip-tion channels, drawing on

Mr Birt added that the new

services would cost about £200 million to launch, fund-

ed by efficiency savings and by

profits from the corporation's commercial activities. The BBC, which has an annual budget of £1.8 billion, has

already reduced its unit costs

by 30 per cent during the past four years. "We think it is possible to release something

the BBC.

Digital television and radio will mean more channels providing better occupy. ITV. Channel 4 and picture and sound.
The BBC will "simul-

cast" BBCs I and 2 on its digital frequencies in widescreeen format using near CD-quality sound. For the foreseeable future, both channels will still be available to people with "old" analogue television sets, but within ten years the Government is expected to switch off all ana-

programming. An episode of about £2,000. Mr Birt said Pride and Prejudice on BBCI, for example, could be followed that equipment costs were expected to fall as demand on a side channel by an

The side channels will also be used extensively by the BBC's education department, particularly for interactive services, and for regional programming.

Omnibus programme on Jane

To receive digital services, viewers will need a set-top box. initially costing up to £600, or a new television set costing

like 15 to 20 per cent, he said. The introduction of digital equipment and programme the spectrum space they and edit their own shows are expected to involve significant

> The BBC also intends to explore drawing in private sector money to fund the huge capital investment that will be needed. The BBC's trading arm is seeking Treasury permission to operate a commercially run borrowing regime.

Sir Christopher Bland, the

BBC's new chairman, admitted that the BBC's digital services would have to "piggy back" on the hundreds of new digital satellite channels, announced earlier this week by BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, the owner of The Times. The real drivers behind the consumer take-up of digital tele-vision will be the kind of movie and sports channels offered by Sky," he said. Sir Christopher said that the BBC would be considering all means of distributing its digital services, through roof-top ariels, satellite dishes or cable.

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Girl may have to live with bullet in brain

BY JEREMY LAURANCE

THE five-year-old African girl with a bullet in her brain who flew into Britain yesterday for treatment may have to live with it for the rest of her life, doctors said. Tenneh Cole was shot in the head 16

months ago during the civil war in Sierra Leone. She was hit by a stray bullet after her own parents had been killed. Tenneh

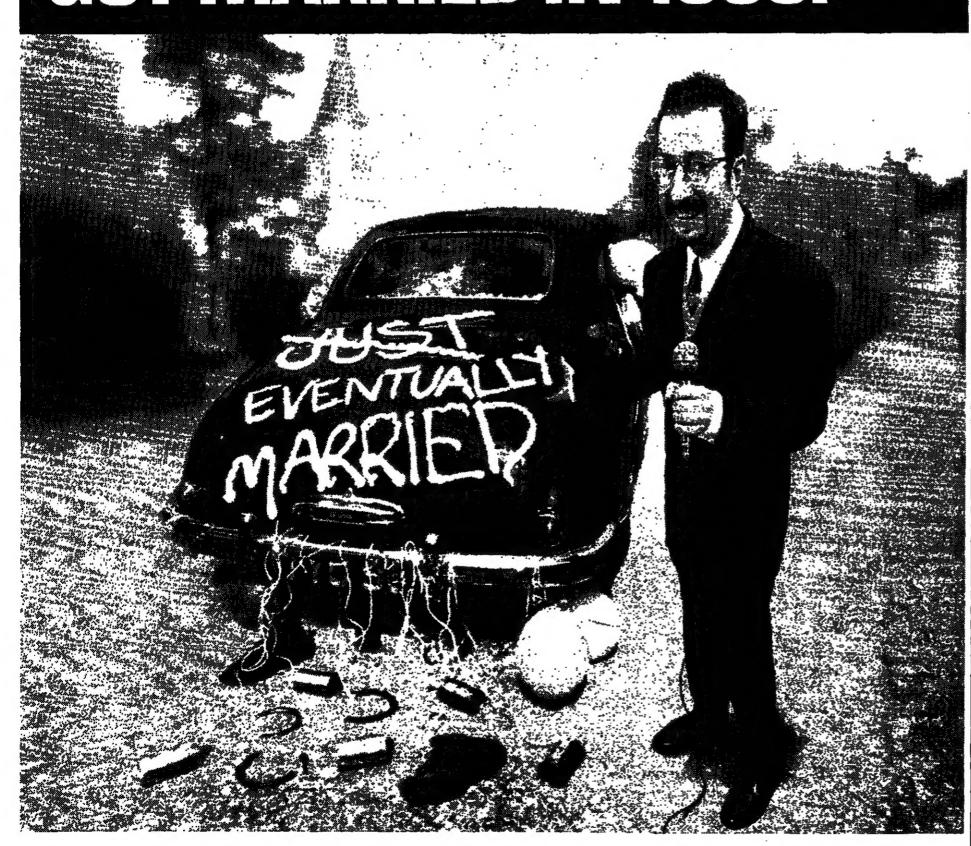
survived a 250-mile journey through the bush to Freetown, the country's capital, where Colonel Mark Cook and his wife Caroline, who run an orphanage, arranged for her to be flown to Britain so she could be properly assessed. She is thought to be deaf and has lost much of her sight because of her injury.

Geoffrey Cheney, consultant maxillo-facial surgeon at the Norfolk and Nor-

wich Hospital where Tenneh was taken from Heathrow, said: "I hesitate to say we are going to operate because we may be doing Tenneh a disservice by taking the bullet out." He said it was not uncommon for people to live normally with debris

lodged inside the head. Doctors may wait until Monday before they begin tests to allow Tenneh to settle into life on the ward.

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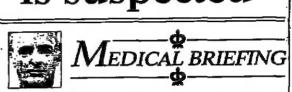
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suspicion of meningitis.
Whether the patient is seen at home, in casualty or anywhere else, it is important that crucial time is not wasted in waiting for con-firmatory laboratory tests, or the opinion of a

specialist. Dr Richard Whittington. the Birmingham Coroner, returned an open verdict on Wednesday at the inquest on James. He died despite his father's entreaties after it had been decided to delay treatment until he had been transferred to a paediatric unit ten miles from the casualty department where

he was being examined. As Dr Whittington said, nobody can ever be sure whether James would have survived even if he had been given penicillin

Bill Hoccom, James's father, made his diagnosis of meningococcal septicaemia after using a simple test that has been publicised by the National Meningitis Trust. The spots in meningococcal septicaemia are caused by bleeding into the skin. Initially the petechiae, the technical name for the spots, are dark red and only of pin-head size so that careful examination may be needed to find them. Only later do they extend to purplish port-coloured blotches.

As the rash is a result of a bleed into the skin, they do not go white like most spots when pressed under a glass or lens and this was the test that reinforced Hoccom's opinion that his son had meningitis.

Ray Thompson, of the National Meningitis Trust. said: "Although this test is a very useful one, we don't hasise it too much as it is a sign of septicaemia Unfortunately septicaemia doesn't always occur in meningococcal meningitis. When there is a suspicion of a meningococcal infec tion, we don't want parents to wait for a rash to develop before getting an expert

Hoccom's case has shown, one of the best diagnostic pointers to meningitis is the parents' suspicion. They, and doctors, should be guided by parental instinct."

Meningitis may present differently in a baby, as was illustrated by the case of 18month-old Ralph Sutcliffe four years ago. Ralph was the child whose death instigated the formation of the Ralph Sutcliffe Foundation

for Meningitis Research. Ralph was taken ill at bedtime, although he had had a poor appetite throughout the previous day. At about six in the evening he went suddenly limp. His mother described him "as floppy as a rag doll". His complexion was grey and his extremities white and cold, although his neck felt hot. He could not sit upright, had tremseemed stiff. His eyes were staring, he was fretful and would not settle to sleep.

He was seen by a doctor as soon as he was taken ill. but the doctor thought that the child was only developing gastroenteritis. However, by 5am the next day, the Sutcliffe parents noticed that he had wine-coloured blotches on his skin. He was admitted to hospital at 6am but died at teatime.

alph's case displays many of the danger signs noted by the Meningitis Trust: he had gone off his food, had cold limbs — a sign of shock ~ he had been sick, was fretful, had a staring expression and was lethargic.

Babies will often have a more obvious fever, even if coupled with cold limbs, a high-pitched cry and a neck held back and they may be sleepy. Adults and older children are often initially diagnosed as having flu, as had happened to James Hoccom, because the symptoms of early meningitis are flu-like. Adults usually complain of a fever, headache, stiff neck, a dislike of light, vomiting, joint pains and drowsiness even have a fit.

> DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

CORRECTIONS

A report (May 8) that the three Deputy Speakers of the House of Commons, Michael Morris. Sir Geoffrey Lofthouse and Dame Janet Fookes, receive income from Parliamentary panels should have made clear that none of them personally benefits as all money is paid directly to charity and nothing passes through their hands. We apologise to the Deputy Speakers for the omission.

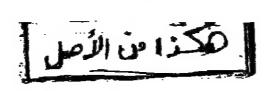
Peter Nicholls MP asks us to make clear that his call last

year in the House of Commons for MPs' salaries to be increased to £126,000, referred to in a report yesterday, was designed solely to draw attention to what he regarded as the excessive salary of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, and not to increase MPs' pay to that amount. ☐ Lord St John of Fawsley remains chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission, having been reappointed for a further three-year term (report, vesterday),



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How the fear of defeat led to Tory housing scandal

REPORTS BY RUSSELL JENKINS, IAN MURRAY ALICE THOMSON AND SARAH CUNNINGHAM

THIS week is the tenth anniversary of the local government elections which threw the ruling Tory party in West-minster, and Dame Shirley Porter in particular, into

In 1986 the Conservatives on Westminster City Council came within 100 votes of losing four marginal wards, which would have given control to Labour. Defeat would have been a political disaster not only for the ruling group but also for Margaret Thatcher, who regarded Dame Shirley and her regime as a shining, radical example. Westminster represented

praetorian guard of Thatcherism outside the House of Commons. Dame Shirley, naturally combative, contemplated the "nightmare idea" of Labour control and determined that the Tories should never come so close to defeat again. How she set about achieving that aim is

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detailed in the 2,000-page report by Westminster's appointed auditor, John Magill. Designated house sales Mr Magili's investigation was launched after BBC's Panorama exposed the council's plans to turn eight wards -

Bayswater, Cavendish, Hamilton Terrace, Little Venice, Millbank, St James's, Victoria and West End - from Labour marginals into Tory strongholds by selling vacant council houses, encouraging home ownership and expelling the homeless. Mr Magill concludes that this amounted to gerrymandering, "which is a disgraceful and improper purpose".

Strictly speaking, gerrymandering means rigging electoral boundaries to improve one's own party's chances of election. It is derived from the case of Elbridge Gerry, a 19th-century gover-nor of Massachusetts, who created a congressional dis-



trict in the shape of a

salamander. Mr Magill concentrated his inquiry on the events sur-rounding a decision taken on July 8, 1987, when the council's housing committee resolved to expand the designated sales programme by earmarking for sale a further 9,360 properDame Shirley Porter has always considered herself the real handbag-holder of true-blue Tory politics. Even Baroness Thatcher pales in comparison to the flamboyant former leader of Westminster City Council. Dame Shirley, left, out-

stripped Downing Street with her obsession with privatisation and publicity. She once led a camel to County Hall in London. ruled by Ken Livingstone. her greatest enemy, to protest about high rate precepts capable of breaking the camel's back". She dressed as a Red Indian squaw in a

ties, about half the council's housing stock. This was expected to produce 500 extra sales a year.

Whenever a property on the designated list became empty it would not be relet to the homeless or others in housing need, but would be put up for sale. The policy was targeted crusade against litter. Yes-terday, she reacted with defiant aplomb to the district auditor's report. She will always consider herself right, according to former aides, who mock her daim that she is "a shy and retiring, lovely person underneath". In times of trouble she is known to sing her favourite song. Smile Though Your Heart is

Dame Shirley was born in 1930 in Clapton, east London, the daughter of a Jewish grocer, Jack Cohen, who went on to build the mighty Tesco chain on the

on the eight wards. The committee also decided to introduce a scheme to seduce tenants into moving out and buying their own homes through a system of grants, in effect offering them £15,000 to move out.

Mr Magill sifted evidence

"pile it high, sell it cheap" She and her husband Sir

Leslie Porter, chairman of Tesco from 1973 to 1985, are believed to control several million shares worth at least E56 million. The couple, who now live in Israel, ranked 254th in the latest Sunday Times list of Britain's richest 500.

Money has not always been an obvious concern, however. She once allowed three Westminster cemeteries to be sold for 15p to property speculators. They were subsequently resold for £1.2 million.

wider plan to achieve precise electoral targets for the eight wards, under the cover name of "Building Stable Communities". A document called BSC Campaign — Plan for Action, agreed at a secret strategy weekend in September 1987, outlined the policy to shift the

ster, foster high-cost housing in the eight wards and close hostels for the homeless.

Mr Magill states that the policy to "achieve electoral advantage in eight marginal wards" was devised by Dame Shirley and a handful of others and that "smoke-screens" were erected to hide their actions. Euphemisms were adopted, such as "new electors" and "new residents". to disguise the policy.

Delay and obstruction Mr Magill said that his investigations were hampered by the wilful shredding of documents. He criticises Dame Shirley for destroying impor-tant papers known to be in her-

possession in July 1989.

There was delay by the council in locating and handing over documents, and many people he wanted to interview offered "inaccurate and, in some cases, misleading information." The auditor's summary

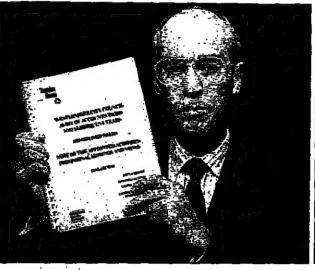
Dame Shirley and her council exercised their power to dislawfully and the housing committee, in particular, misdirected itself in law. The council failed to carry out its duty under the 1985 Housing Act to give reasonable preference to

the needy and homeless. Mr Magill concluded that the decision to increase designated sales in the eight wards was simply a means to boost Tory support. The decisions to increase sales and begin a scheme of capital grants were unlawful, unauthorised and to the detriment of the interest of local taxpayers".

He says the strategy was instigated, promoted and supported by Dame Shirley, who then sought to cover up her role. Her evidence was "evasive, false and misleading". Either she knew "it was unlawful and wrong for the council to exercise its powers to secure electoral advantage", or she was "at least recklessly indifferent as to whether it was right or wrong".

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Painstaking accountant who pursued the truth with dogged determination



JOHN MAGILL is an accountant by training and instinct who has been drawn to the centre of the political stage by his passion for detail. In the 27 years since he qualified, he has built a reputation as a meticulous investigator, never happier than when sifting quietly through columns of figures and facts to track down the truth.

His seven-year inquiry into Westminster's alleged homesfor votes policy has thrust him unwillingly into the limelight. Dame Shirley Porter and her colleagues see him as conducting a witch-hunt. The objectors see him as mounting a crusade for the homeless.

He gave a press conference in 1994 to announce his provisional findings — that there had been gerrymandering and improper conduct. Having been severely criticised for going public before he had heard all the evidence, be decided not to speak yesterday. Since 1989 he has worked almost full-time on the Westminster case. He is a senior partner in Deloitte & Touche, which was paid £275 an hour.



DAVID WEEKS, a council member since 1974, was among Dame Shirley Porter's closest confidants and succeeded her as council leader in 1991. Successively chairman of the housing, finance and planning committees, he knew intimately the main policy areas involved in the designated homes sales. The report says he knew "it was unlawful and wrong for the council to exercise its powers to secure electoral advantage for any political party or to gerrymander ... He lied as to the purpose of the policy." He is



elected in 1978 and became committee in 1986. He was in charge of the committee for most of the period investigated, resigning from council membership in February 1988. The report says that he tried to deceive committee members by "cosmetic" adjustments to the designated housing sales list. According to the auditor. Mr Hartley did not act reasonably or in the belief that any expenditure resulting from the decisions of the housing commit-



PETER HARTLEY was BILL PHILLIPS, managing director of the council between 1987 and 1991, was a civil servant for eight years before switching to local government in 1979 as assistant county council secretary in Kent. He joined Westminster as head of policy in 1986 and was promoted to the top job within a year. He resigned in 1991 and now runs a recruitment agency. The report says the evidence proved he was aware of the political objective in the homes-for-votes policy. He gave "evasive, false and misleading evidence" and "lied as



PAUL HAYLER was assistant director of housing in the period investigated by the auditor and was transferred to the chief executive's department after he was named in the 1994 report. The auditor says he was fully aware that there was no housing management reason for pushing sales in marginal wards. Although he knew it was "uniawful and wrong for the council to exercise its powers or expend its resources to secure electoral advantage for any political party or to gerrymander, he helped to



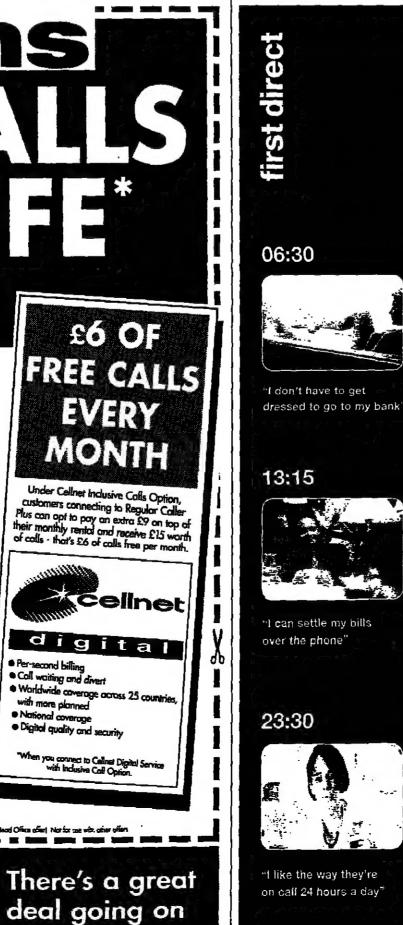
GRAHAM ENGLAND was director of housing throughout the period investigated by the auditor and his careful notes of meetings about the designated sales policy were a crucial part of the evidence. The auditor found that he wrote "blunt notes", warning Dame Shirley Porter that the policy was wrong. He also, however, "assisted the unlawful objective" of improving the electoral objectives of the Tory group leaders. This action included giving misleading evidence to the QC advising the council on the legality of

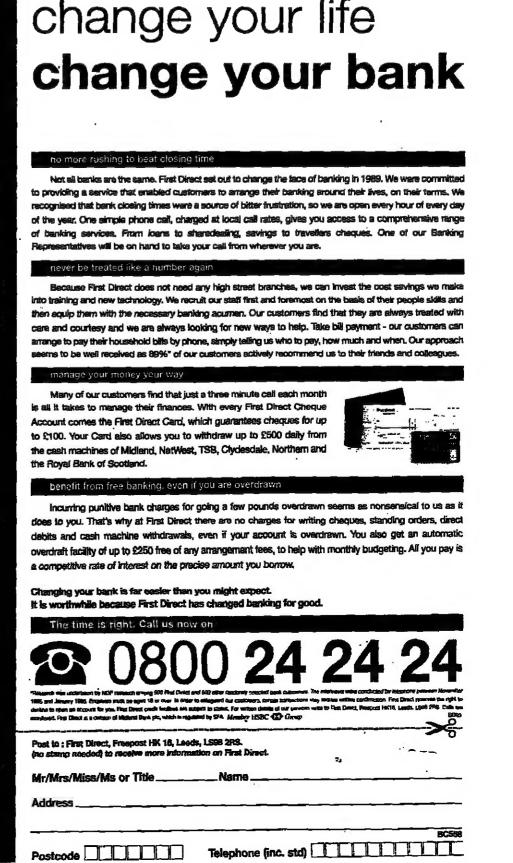


BARRY LEGG was elected to the council in 1978 and was management and personnel sub-committee from 1986 to 1990 and a member of Dame Shirley Porter's inner circle. He became MP for Milton Keynes South West in 1992. He is a founder member of Conservative Way Forward and a member of the Bow Group. The report concluded that although he was aware that the sales policy was improper, there was not enough evidence to show that he realised he was supposed



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Awards recognise gallantry of Welch Fusiliers in Bosnia

SOLDIERS from The Royal Welch Fusiliers who fought pitched battles with the Bosnian Serbs and were later held hostage monopolise this year's Armed Forces' gallantry awards, announced yesterday Eighteen members of the

battalion have been given awards for gallant and distinguished service in the former Yugoslavia, including three Military Crosses and one Con-spicuous Gallantry Cross. only the second time that medal has been awarded since it was introduced in 1993. Army sources said that in terms of "quality of awards", it represented the most significant number of medals given to a single battalion since the Second World War.

Lieutenant Hugh Nightingale, 25, a platoon commander in A Company, was awarded the Military Cross. His first serious clash with Serb soldiers was on May II last year when he and his men came



ceaselire line north of Gorazde, eastern Bosnia. The hail of bullets was so fierce that the walls of the empty house which the patrol was occupying at the time began to disintegrate," the MoD said.

Lieutenant Nightingale. who is single and comes from Sheffield, crawled forward with one of his men to engage the Serb positions and direct fire. He then gave orders to withdraw to a safe location under the cover of smoke.

1,000 rounds of ammunition in about 15 minutes. "His prompt action and clear and effective orders ensured that his patrol was extracted safely in the face of a heavy weight of fire and in extreme danger,"

He and 24 other members of his company were taken hostage on May 28 when the Serbs attacked British UN observation posts outside Gorazde. The MoD said: "He took command of the hostages and exercised strong and effective leadership." When the men were re-

leased after two and a half weeks, he admitted that he had once feared the Serbs were going to kill him. He said: "I thought, 'Shallow grave time, here we go'." Sergeant David Parry, 29, a section commander with The

Royal Welch Fusiliers in the rank of corporal, was awarded a Military Cross for his leadership after his observation post was overrun by more than 35







Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, left, Colour Sergeant Peter Humphreys, Lieutenant-Colonel Jonathan Riley and Sergeant David Parry

Serbs. Sergeant Parry, married and from Llanidloes in Powys, eventually succeeded in persuading the Serbs to move his men to a more protected position and withdrew while being fired on by Muslim mortars and machineguns. They were then held hostage by the Serbs for seven days, during which time "he remained cool and provid-

ed outstanding leadership". The Conspicuous Gallantry Cross, which can be awarded to all ranks and was announced by the Government as part of John Major's attempt to bring equality to the

awards system, was given to Colour Sergeant Peter Hum-phreys, 34, a platoon sergeant in B Company at Gorazde. In April and May the anti-sniping patrol of Saxon armoured vehicles he commanded fought off attacks

from Serb machineguns.
On the second occasion he formed his vehicles into a shield to protect an aid convoy that arrived in Gorazde just in time for a woman to give birth. Sergeant Humphreys is married and from Caernarvon in

The battalion's honours total while serving in Gorazde comprised one Distinguished Service Order, awarded to Lieutenant-Colonel Jonathan Riley, the commanding officer, one Conspicuous Gallantry Cross, three Military Crosses, seven Mentioned in Dispatches, two Queen's Commendations for Valuable Service and two MBEs.

Others decorated included Flight Lieutenant Andrew Hall, an RAF officer serving in Sarajevo as a UN military observer who was held captive by the Serbs for 20 days. He has been appointed MBE.

Lieutenant-General Sir Rupert Smith, commander of the 27,000-man UN Protection Force (Unprofor) in Bosnia. has been awarded a Bar to his DSO for his outstanding leadership throughout 1995. He was the "author" of the Nato air campaign that led directly to a ceasefire agreement and the subsequent Dayton peace accord. He won his first DSO in the Gulf War. The award of a Bar to a DSO has not been given since 1965, when it was awarded to Major-General Walter Walker, director of

operations in Borneo. Lieutenant-Colonel won the DSO for his inspiramost dangerous assignment any British unit has had to face in Bosnia. The Serbs were attacking Gorazde daily with shells and mortar fire. He said yesterday: The DSO may have been awarded to me but was won by The Royal Welch Fusiliers. These awards will be pinned to individuals but they were won by the

whole regiment."

He said the regiment would celebrate in style when the Queen, who is the regiment's Colonel-in-Chief, presents new colours later this month.

Delays damage defence projects

By MICHAEL EVANS

INCREASING technical difficulties have led to costly delays in completing key defence equipment projects, the Nat-ional Audit Office said yesterday. Fifty per cent of weapon systems entered service below the required performance

In the first inquiry of its kind, the NAO examined 28 projects that had started full velopment since 1985 to see how the Ministry of Defence coped with the high technical risk involved in producing advanced weapon systems.

Half the projects suffered delays, averaging about 11 months, which meant that frontline forces had to make do with older equipment for longer than planned. This also led to increased costs because of the extra maintenance reguired. Although the MoD carried out a risk assessment programme on all weapon systems, it failed to predict more than 60 per cent of the technical difficulties that

The Royal Navy's EH101 Merlin helicopter project suf-fered a 29-month delay during development because of technical trouble. This forced the Navy to extend the service of the existing, less capable Sea King helicopters. Costs of the Navy's vertical

launch Seawolf missile system rose by £80 million because of an original "imprecise technical specification" and an un-derestimate of the work In another case, the radar

fitted to destroyers and frigates, which first entered service in 1989, had problems with the antenna and tracking system. The NAO said the radar was unlikely to reach its full potential until ten years after it first entered service. ☐ Ministry of Defence: Initia-tives to Manage Technical Risks on Defence Equipment Programmes, National Audit (Stationery Office;

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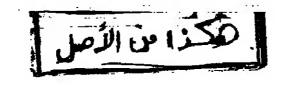
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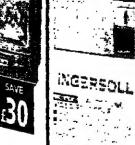
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The man whose pot of gold could save millions of lives

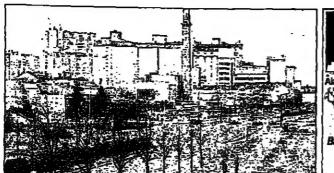
THE normally sedate shop-pers of Finland jostled and pushed yesterday to lay their hands on a margarine they fervently believe guarantees a longer and healthier life.

The so-called marvel spread, Benecol, which is not jet available outside Finland, has already attracted astonishing interest from international investors, who see gold in every tub. A single case had been delivered at lunchtime to a hypermarket near the factory at Raisio, the town 120 miles from Helsinki where the product is made. Within minutes the shelves had been cleared.

Veli-pekka Nummelin, an assistant manager, shook his head sadly as the last tub disappeared into a trolley. "There has been nothing like this before," he said. "We have had to ration supplies to two tubs per person."

The product does not come cheaply, at the equivalent of £3.50 for a 250-gram pack. However, the benefits, verified by authoritative medical research, are compelling. Daily consumption of 25g reduces the total amount of cholesterol in the blood stream by 10 per cent and the level of the more harmful

■ The margarine Benecol has been shown to reduce cholesterol levels and could cut the risk of heart attacks by a third. Bill Frost reports from Finland on growing demand for the miracle spread



The margarine factory has put the small town of Raisio on the map

cent. Eating the spread regularly could cut the risk of a

heart attack by a third. Before Benecol burst on to the market in November, Raisio was known as the only road junction in Finland with the nerve to call itself a town. Now busloads of schoolchildren and limousines full of international investors converge on the plant to be shown how the spread is

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certain to rise sharply in 1996. The company has plants in ten countries, from Canada to Indonesia. Products include foodstuffs. animal feed and malt for the Scotch whisky industry, However, "fooda-ceuticals" such as Benecol seem likely to be the new growth area. Over lunch. Kari Jokinen, the general manager of Raisio's marga-rine division, beamed as his executives covered their bread with the spread. "Eat-

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In the plant, the spread's inventor, Ingmar Wester, watched as the tubs rolled off the production line. "My work is not over yet. This baby who needs a lot of care,"

of health insurance." said one

Mr Wester spent seven years working to introduce plant sterols — which block cholesterol absorption — into mass food production. After the success of Benecol he is

planning to spread his wings a little further. "Margarine is just one possible way of administering plant sterols. We are also now looking at chocolate bars, ice-cream and

As inventors go he seems remarkably young. But at 37 Mr Wester has scaled heights of which his rivals can only dream. He gives the impression of being a schoolboy having a spot of fun in the laboratory. He is no "health fascist", either. "Of course I enjoy a drink, most people do. But there is no reason why keeping healthy should be hard work. That's where functional foods - foodaceuticals - come in."

Mr Wester has no fears that competitors will catch up. "We have already secured ents in the United States and Canada and are apply-ing to cover the rest of the world. Even if some rival company started to develop a similar product it would take them years to reach our

Raisio is planning an export campaign throughout Europe. However, until a new production plant is com-pleted at the end of the year, satisfying domestic consum-ers is the highest priority. Mr



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Ingmar Wester, 37, invented Benecol. He believes that the cholesterol-busting process can be extended to chocolate and ice-cream. Photographs: Martin Beddal

very promising". Germany and France present more of a challenge. The French don't really touch anything but butter and the Germans are

very fond of fatty foods," Back at the supermarket, Mr Nummelin pleads with the man from Raisio for another delivery of Benecol, while a couple in pink shell-suits gaze

empty shelves. "I would be happy with just four cases — please," Mr Nummelin begs. "Well, just one then," he adds

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Spinach demand strengthened by Popeye's return

WEEKEND SHOPPING

A BIG increase in spinach sales is believed to have been caused by re-runs of Popeye markets say. Children are thought to be the driving force behind the 100 per cent jump in demand for spinach that has been seen for the second consecutive year.

At first 250g packs were previously unfashionable vegetable is being sought in greater amounts. Tesco, which imports from all over the world to maintain year-round supplies, expects spinach to be one of its biggest-selling products in future.

Announced promotions: Asda: family chicken £4.99 for

2.268 kg, beef topside/silverside with added fat £5.37 kg, beef frying steak £4.38 a kg. oranges with juicer 99p for ten, new potatoes 59p for 2.5kg, selected San Marco pizzas £1.69 each, carnation bouquet £2.99.

Budgens: Lincolnshire pork sausages 99p for 454g, fresh plaice fillets £6.49 a kg. Galia melons £1.29 each, Saluté giant salad £1.09 for 350g, Mullerlight yoghurr 29p. Co-op: fresh pork spare-rib chops £2.69 a kg, large barn eggs 85p for six, round garn-mon steaks £1.19 for two, Birds Eye crispy crumb cod steaks £2,39 for six, Anchor extra mature cheddar £4.65 a kg. Harrods: Bindone salami £1.99 for 100g, Prosciutto San Daniele £3.49 for 100g, avocado with lobster claw £5.45 each, Little Ruding cheeses £4.15 each, extra large English cucumbers 89p each. iceland: breaded cod fillets

£1.99 for 600g, economy lamb £3.49 for 1.19 kg. Birds Eye fish fingers £1.69 for 16. garden peas £1.69 for 1.8 kg. cauliflower £1.79 for 1.8 kg, mandarin cheesecake £1.49.

Marks & Spencer: New Zealand lamb leg knuckle £4.99 a kg, Caledonian salmon fillets £3.99 for 283g, fresh tomato and basil soup 99p for 450g. thin base pizza selection £1.99 for 315g, chocolate eclairs '99p for four, Gala apples £1.39 for

Morrisons: cod steaks £4.38 a kg, whole salmon £4.38 a kg. salmon steaks £5.04 a kg, whole trout £2.84 a kg, turkey sausages 95p for 340g, cole-slaw 69p for 454g, spring water 35p for 2ltr.

Safeway: chicken Kievs £3.14 for four, British baked ham 59p a 4 lb. Scottish salmon steaks £2,39 for 283g, frozen chocolate and orange or Black Forest gateau £1.16. Sainsbury's: boneless chicken

breasts £4.29 for 575g, boneless pork leg £3.69 a kg. prepacked large cod fillet £4.30 a kg, tomatoes 89p for eight. Iceberg lettuce 59p. rhubarb 49p a lb. pink grupefruit 29p. Somerfield: fresh boneless leg of pork £3.08 a kg, topside/top rump/silverside with added fat £4.36 a kg, smoked wafer-thin ham £1.59 for 400g, new potatoes 19p a lb, cherry tomatoes 99p for 22/g, pears 39p a lb, white seedless grapes 69p a lb.

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Waitrose: British braising steak £3,99 a kg, turkey prime mince £1.49 for 450g, lemon and pepper chicken £2.79 for 300g, breaded scampi £1.99 for 170g, red Leicester cheese £4.25 for 225g, Swiss stylc muesli £1.14 for 750g.

ROBIN YOUNG

Firm pulls plug on village's free water

By ROBIN YOUNG

A VILLAGE on the Isle of Wight has taken on a water company to protect its right to free water. People in Chillerton whose

property was built before 1907 have had their water free for the past 89 years under an agreement drawn up by the local landowner, Sir Charles Seely, and Sandown Urban District Council.

Southern Water is now claiming that changes in leg-islation have invalidated the Seely agreement and plans to charge the villagers full rates. More than 70 people have contributed to a legal fund to fight the move.

Under the terms of the agreement another 60 homes built in the village since 1907 have been allowed their supply at the old rate of six pence (212p) per thousand gallons.

A QC has told the villagers that they have a good case, but the Isle of Wight council has advised them to seek arbitration before becoming involved in a lengthy legal wrangle. Roy Westmore. 70, a Conservative councillor on the island whose family has benefited from the free supply

for more than 80 years, insists that Southern Water has already gone against the agreement by charging at the full rate householders who should be paying only 212p per thousand gallons.

Mr Westmore says almost all the householders who should be receiving cheaprate water have now had meters installed, charging the full rate.

"Southern started craftily nibbling away at the agreement hoping no one would notice but the council's legal officers say the agreement is still valid," he said. "We accept that arbitration is the best way forward. The agreement even has a clause recommending that in case of dispute."

Southern Water's manager on the island. Geoff Morton. said the company accepted that the free water agreement was still in existence but would not comment on the billing of individual properties. He said: "The Chillerton agreement is very complex and involves a number of properties in different ways. We are still waiting for an official approach to discuss

arbitration.



By Philip Webster

AN ALL-NIGHT vigil by the Tory Euro-sceptic Bill Cash was rewarded yesterday when he won the right to test opinion in the Commons on a future in the European Union. Armed with sandwiches, a

flask of tea and a few nips of whisky, the indefatigable Mr Cash parked himself in the waiting room outside the Commons Public Bill Office on Wednesday night to ensure

at 10am yesterday to secure a slot for a ten-minute rule Bill. The much-prized position, which enables MPs to raise items of interest at prime time

Cash beats his rivals with all-night sitting

by several MPs, notably Mr Cash's fellow Euro-sceptic Teresa Gorman. But his readiness to stay up all night meant that he could beat his rivals.

He had slept for a few hours and was tucked up on a campbed at 6am when the Liberal MP Alex Carlile arrived, hoping to win a slot for his Bill to cut the number of women jailed for fine defaulting. Mr Carlile, who had been confident of being first, said: "I am fond of Bill but it was not a

expletive, exchanged a few sentences and left, beaten."

At 7am Mr Cash was disturbed again, by Ms Gorman. She was hours too late, but took her defeat well. "Mr Cash has a good track record on leading successful onslaughts on the European issue," she said. I don't mind who pulls the trigger so long as we have the guns lined up."

The Government, however, is the real loser. Mr Cash is chief co-ordinator of Euro-sceptic tactics on the Tory benches and should get a good turnout for his Bill, to be heard on June 11, which will provide for a "who governs Britain?"

He said yesterday: "Ours will be a proper referendum, unlike the Government's which is based on the absurd proposal that a Conservative Cabinet can say 'Yes' to a single currency.

Two weeks ago lain Duncan-Smith, another sceptic, encouraged 66 Tories to back a Bill to curb the European Court. If Mr Cash does anything like as well it will be another graphic reminder of Tory discontent with Brussels. Scottish Tory conference

Forsyth condemns plans for a 'pygmy parliament'

MICHAEL FORSYTH, the Scottish Secretary, made a defence of the 300-year-old Union a cornerstone of the Tories' general election camto avoid humiliation at the

In a patriotic speech at the opening of his party's Scottish conference, he said only the Tories had the "sacred role" to save Scotland. "It is our birth-right to be Scottish. It is our good fortune to be British. It is our duty to be Unionists. We will fight to win."

Tory strategists hope that opposing devolution will be a vote winner in Scotland. They believe that the party's perfor-mance there in 1992 was boosted by John Major's staunch defence of the Union.

Mr Forsyth attacked Lab-our and the Liberal Democrats for their proposed tax-raising Scottish parliament. which he said would cost £75 million in the first year, or E6 a week for each family. It will destroy the United Kingdom and Scotland's vital services. It would diminish Scotland's influence in Westminster. It is a

pygmy parliament."

Mr Forsyth, in an eve-ofconference interview, appeared to be at odds with the Prime Minister when he said

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ever, an aide of Mr Forsyth once established, could never added to the confusion by be abolished. The omelette saying: There is no way a Scottish parliament could be once made cannot be turned Mr Forsyth has raised the

political temperature on the issue by warning voters in Scotland that they could not have a tax-raising parliament on approval and expect a Tory government to abolish it if it became unpopular. But yesterday Mr Major refused to back Mr Forsyth's uncompromising stance. Parliament is sovereign. Parliament passes its own legislation. Parliament will have to decide whether it could undo it," he told BBC Radio Scotland.

Senior Scottish Tories immediately tried to patch up any suggestions of a split. Howundone." He said that Mr Major was technically right that Westminster could flex its

muscles and scrap the Scottish parliament, but added: "A Tory government at Westminster could also send tanks north of the border to capture a Scottish parliament that has been occupied by the Scottish nationalists. They could do it. But they won't. It's never going to happen."

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crease over 17 years is not 19,000 but 1,265."

An embarrassed Tory offi-

cial said: "Oh God, it's our

fault. It's a typographical

Labour has accused Mr Forsyth of scaremongering after he gave warning in his speech yesterday that a Labour government would exceed

in the pound. Mr Forsyth, who calls it the tartan tax, said in his speech yesterday. They say it is capped at 3p in the pound but these are the people who say they don't believe in

capping in local government.

Nine Cabinet ministers, including Mr Major, will be flying to Aberdeen for what is the last Scottish Tory conference before the general election. Their theme is fighting for Scotland, which is the most beleaugured part of the Tory empire. The party has ten out of 72 MPs and controls no local authorities.

Mr Forsyth's abrasive campaigning style on the "tartan tax" appears to be working. An ICM opinion poll in The Scotsman yesterday showed Tory support to be up one percentage point to 18 per cent and Labour down three points to 45 per cent. The poll also showed that 43 per cent of Labour supporters would be less likely to vote for a party that proposed a 3p tax raising power for a Scottish parliament as opposed to 4i per cent

who would be more likely. John Major, in his BBC interview, said that a devolved Scottish parliament with taxraising powers would be a "stepping stone that would inevitably lead to a schism within the United Kingdom."

Phantom police force tion had circulated a leaflet at THE Tory party, admitted the conference that said: The facts that are than in December 1979 the total numbers of police officers in Scotland was 13.214. In De-

misleading the public yester-day over the number of police the Government had put back on the beat.

A series of advertisements in the Scottish press entitled "fighting crime" boasted that you can see, the actual inan extra 19.000 officers had been recruited since 1979. Tory officials, however, conceded that the true figure was

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Heseltine angers party activists over EU beef ban

By Andrew Pierce and Gillian Bowditch

how to end the European Union ban on British beef flared up at the Scottish Tory party conference yesterday.

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, angered Tory activists meeting in Aberdeen, in the heart of Angus beef country, with his call for Britain to work closely

with the EU. But Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, cheered the party faithful with a condemnation of the ban, which he said was not justified on health grounds and was driv-

en by a desire to steal Britain's share of the market. Mr Heseltine adopted a note of appeasement in his speech when he told representatives that the Government had to work with consumers around the world to convince them of the safety of British beef. He made clear that it was not only Europe that enforced a ban. The United States had done so several years earlier. We will work with our partners to develop the most effective means to achieve this

end." he said. But it was Mr Forsyth, with his strident anti-European tones, who accurately reflected the mood of the conference. He told farmers that the ban on British beef was a "cynical elimination of a formidable

competitor from the market". To rapturous applause, he declared that despite it being Europe day he had no intention of flying the European flag. "I will put the flags out when the European Union lifts the ban on our farmers. I am told that refusing to fly the that. What I cannot live with is one of our most productive and efficient industries being put on the rack for no good

"I promise the famrers of Scotland that we will stand by you at this difficult time. Not only is it safe, Scottish beef is among the best in the world and we want the market we

are entitled to." The mood from the conference floor was volatile as a succession of farmers spoke of the hardship they had endured. Adam Bruce, prospective parliamentary candidate for North East Fife, described "The European export ban on British beef is the most blatant piece of political posturing ever to come out of the Council of Europe. It's unjustified. unprincipled and blatantly

Helen Gilbert, a farmer from Gordon, told Mr Forsyth that the Government was doing too little. "There are people whose livelihood has been wiped out overnight. We are told the Government is working on our behalf but it's not good enough. These people still don't have jobs. The refrigerated lorries stand idle. We don't want compensation, we want our markets

Senior Tory officials began a damage-limitation exercise after the two ministerial speeches. They insisted that the only difference between Mr Heseltine and Mr Forsyth was on style. "It's about tone, not policy. The Cabinet is united." an official said.



By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT GORDON BROWN gained

the upper hand in the controversy over his child benefit plans yesterday when he won support from both old and new Labour. The Shadow Chancellor's

proposed scrapping of child benefit for 16 to 18-year-olds, which has been strongly op-posed by some Shadow Cabimembers. was also endorsed by Labour's top policymaking committee.

An editorial in the left-wing

Tribune, which has persistently criticised Tony Blair's attempts to modernise the party. supports Mr Brown's plan to concentrate benefits on the children of poorer families who stay on at school or college. The newspaper says: Brown is understandably peeved that a mother of a sixth-form Etonian can still receive child benefit." It praises his intention to focus funds on "laudable skills training for deprived youngsters from the inner cities".

Meanwhile the New Statesman, a left-of-centre magazine

recently taken over by the MP Geoffrey Robinson, an ally of Mr Blair, also lends its support. "Labour is at last starting to face up to the challenge it will face in office to modernise the welfare state," it says. "The beneficiaries should be those in poverty or insecurity, not the majority of us. These principles are wholly consistent with Brown's intent on child benefit."

On Tuesday Labour's joint policy committee, made up of members of the Shadow Cabinet and of the National Executtive Committee, also approved the child benefit reforms. Yesterday Mr Brown said:

"We've got 25 per cent youth unemployment in our inner cities, we've got 60 per cent black youth unemployment in central London, and we've got a third of people leaving school without the qualifications necessary to get jobs. We have therefore got a crisis. We have to ensure that more young people stay at school and more young people get



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Polly Peck's bank faces claim for compensation



THE joint administrators of Polly Peck International (PPI), the collapsed fruits-to-electronics group, have begun legal proceedings against SBC Warburg over the activities of Elizabeth Forsyth, the former banker jailed for five years for handling £400,000 in stolen funds. Deloine & Touche is seeking

compensation from the merchant bank for allegedly paying PPI money to Mrs Forsyth, even though she was not a signatory to the PPI account. The so-called breach of mandate claim coincides with a House of Lords

12 million to PPI creditors. Lawyers acting for Deloitte & Touche are understood to have obtained a freezing order over the bulk of the monies lodged in bail for Asil Nadir, the fugitive PPI founder, who fled Britain in May 1993 while awaiting trial on fraud and theft charges. The sum of C2 million plus interest is understood to be lodged in a client account held by Mr Nadir's former solicitor.

SBC Warburg was not able to comment last night on the move by Deloine & Touche, which stems directly from Mrs Forsyth's conviction on two counts of handling stolen

alleged that she had travelled to Switzerland to collect funds transferred to a PPI account with SG Warburg Soditic in Geneva, It is alleged that the bank handed over the money in cash, even though she was not a signatory to the PPI account. She paid the bulk of the funds into a nearby bank for transfer back to the UK, and claimed not to have seen the PPI name on a banking receipt. Deloitte & Touche is seeking compensation to the value of £400.000.

Yesterday's House of Lords ruling provided a welcome victory for Ramadan Guney, the Turkish Cypri-

ot businessman who provided £1 million of Mr Nadir's £3.5 million bail. The judge presiding over the Nadir hearings, Mr Justice Tucker, did not accept that Mr Nadir had effectively surrendered himself to the court at a preliminary hearing in June 1992, even though he was present at the hearing and pleaded

not guilty to the charges put to him. The judge ruled that Mr Guney should forfeit £650,000 after Mr Nadir fled Britain for northern Cyprus. The order was overturned by the Court of Appeal, which held that a surrender to the custody of the court occurred when a defendant on bail attended the court and subjected himself to its directions. That ruling was upheld vesterday by five law lords, to the relief of Mr Guney, 66, of Green Lanes, north London.

In his ruling, Lord Steyn said that the pre-mial hearing had taken place at Chichester Rents in Chancery Lane — a court building with no cells, no dock and no custody area set aside for persons surrendering to bail to report to an official. Lord Steyn ruled that a defendant's pre-trial bail lapsed when he was "called to the bar by name", had the indictment read to him and was asked whether or not he was guilty.

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Sir Alistair earned £627,000 in 1995 and his shareholding is worth £3.24 million at 3412p. He also has 760,000 share options exercisable at prices from 191p to 363p.

chairman, succeeds Sir Alistair. Colin Smith continues as chief executive. Simon Laffin

Sir Alistair says he always planned to retire at 60. His departure comes at time of ever-fiercer competition between supermarket groups. Sainsbury this week an-nounced a sharp fall in profits, from £809 million to £712 million. The departure coincides with change at the top of Tesco, whose chairman. Sir lan MacLaurin, is to retire

Sir Alistair's time with Argyll spans its abortive bid for Distillers under the former chairman, James Gulliver, and acquisition of Safeway. One City analyst described this as Sir Alistair's biggest success, with the chain being transformed into one of the leading supermarket groups.

of further directorship offers.

Grant to retire from

BY CLARE STEWART

Argyll

SIR Alistair Grant, chairman of Argyll, the supermarket group, is to step down next March on reaching his 60th

Sir Alistair, a director of Argyll since 1977 and chairman since 1988, will not retain a boardroom role with the food group after leaving the chair. I want to be a good friend to the management." he said, "It doesn't make sense to have a lingering involvement after retiring." He remains a significant investor in Argyil through his family holding of about a

million shares.

David Webster, deputy moves up to the post of finance director.

Sir Alistair is a director of the Bank of Scotland and of Scottish & Newcastle Brewer-ies, and is unlikely to be short

London close \$392,65 (\$394.85 denotes midday trading once **ScotPower** looks over border for expansion and power sales.

SCOTTISHPOWER, the generator and electricity supplier which last year bought Manweb, the northwest regional supplier, is targeting England and Wales for further expansion in generation

The company will firm plans for a new gas-fired power station in Leicestershire in the next few months and is gearing up for further exports south of the border.

lan Robinson, chief executive, said the company would look to expand further in the UK once the future of gas prices was more determinable. He added: "We will need to see how the regulatory structures will be."

Last year, ScottishPower increased its sales to England and Wales 40 per cent, boosted by several emergency calls from the National Grid.

But lower pool prices meant profits from this business fell 22 per cent to £20.! million in the year to March 31. ScottishPower also took hits on its second-tier business — supplying to customers outside its franchise area rith electricity recording a loss of E4.4 million (E1.6 million loss). and gas a loss of E5.5 million (£400,000 loss).

The integration of Manweb has contributed more than £80 million to profits. Since its acquisition, Scottish Power has cut the workforce to 3,060 from 3,350 and aims to reduce it to 2,800 by next March. The final dividend, payable October 1, was lifted to 10.33p. making a total of 15.5p and an increase of 13 per cent over the previous year.

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Consumers help output to inch ahead

By Janet Bush and Philip Bassett

BRITISH manufacturing activity showed another monthly rise in March, largely reflecting a rebound in the production of goods for purchase by consumers, but overall this key sector remains stagnant.

Manufacturing output rose 0.2 per cent, the third small monthly increase in a row. But the Office for National Statistics said that manufacturing still fell by 0.2 per cent in the latest three months compared with the previous underlying trends suggests that manufacturing is showing no overall growth. Indus-

THE unit trust arm of the

Britannia Building Society has been fined £37.500 by

the Investment Manage-

ment Regulatory Organis-

ation (Imro), the City

watchdog.
The fine, which relates to

breaches of the personal equity plan (Pep) rules re-

sulting in a breakdown in

procedures designed to pro-

tect investors' cash, is the

second largest imposed by

Imro this year. Last month,

National Westminster Bank

had to pay £75,000, having also fallen foul of Pep

In addition to its fine.

Britannia Fund Managers

which has a total of £650

million in its care, has also been ordered to pay £26,000 in compensation to Pep

customers. It must also meet

A routine law monitor-

ing visit revealed that, be-

tween February and Decem-

ber 1994, Britannia Fund

Managers failed to bank

and invest cash from its Pep

Imro found that cash

from 5.000 customers was

not paid into a client bank

account within the required

period. Under the rules,

money must be banked

dients on time.

Imro's costs of £22,000.

trial production, which includes the output of the North Sea, increased 0.3 per cent in March, compared with the February figure. In the latest three months, industrial production was 0.2 per cent higher than in the previous three months, but the ONS said that it was showing no

underlying growth.
The ONS said a month ago that there was no underlying growth in both industrial and manufacturing output in February - the first time this had 1992, the month when sterling was forced to leave the European exchange-rate mecha-

pose of this regulation is to minimise the danger of a

client's money being mis-

laid. The rules also state that

cash must be invested on the eighth day, after the seven-

day cooling-off period given

to investors. The purpose of

this rule is to ensure that

transactions are being car-

ried out in the same market

conditions and at the same

price as when the decision to

At Britannia Fund Manag-

ers, however, cash from 1,500

customers was not being

invested until, in some in-

stances, the 12th day. This resulted in losses for 555

people as the market had

Danny O'Neill, managing director of Britannia Fund

to additional checks that

He added: "We were going back to the intermedi-

aries to ask for more infor-

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the period, there were more

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than disadvantaged as the market had fallen, bringing

down the cost of the units."

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Britannia fined

under Pep rules

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

crisis low, backing up statisticians' estimates of industrial trends and suggesting that the economy is not about to emimprovement. The only area of manufac turing which showed some strength was production of consumer goods, which rose by 1.1 per cent in the first

quarter of this year, compared with the fourth quarter last The Confederation of British Industry's latest distributive trades survey published today show that high street sales are improving, but only modestly. Sales still remained well below retailers

expectations. The CBI said that, in spite of something of an upward trend though the underlying growth trend is levelling off — for the second month in succession. retailers consider business as

only just above average for the time of year. A net balance of 32 per cent of retailers — those reporting higher growth set against those recording falling sales —

said sales volumes were rising in the the CBI's survey of 15,000 outlets in April. But this is below expectations of growth among a net 40 per cent, and only 8 per cent see sales volumes as above aver-

age now.
While a net 40 per cent of high street outlets believe that sales will grow over the next month, CBI analysts point out today that such expectations have proved to be overoptimistic in the past two surveys.

moved, making the cost of units in the trusts more All sectors in retailing, with the execption of specialist food shops, saw some rise in sales volumes, though the CBI says Managers, said that he greatly regretted the break-down in procedures. He today that the three-monthly moving average of high street attributed part of the delay rising consistently since last September. Alastair Eperon, the chair-

man of the CBI's distributive trades survey panel, says today: "It is encouraging that the increases in sales volumes in March were carried through into April, although the boost to trade following an early Easter may have contributed to growth in some



Sir Alistair Grant, who is to retire from Argyll, with Jack Hanford, Safeway's advertising boy

New Lloyd's offer expected today

LLOYD'S of London is expected today to announce a substantial increase in its settlement offer to embattled names. It is thought that Lloyd's might boost the settlement package by up to £1 billion to about £3.8 billion, finally securing the future of the troubled insurance market.

The names who should benefit from this higher offer and have their debts to Lloyd's cut will be those who have already paid their losses as required, and the hardest-hit names who have won legal

actions or who are still pursuing accountancy firms through the courts.

The extra funds will be available partly

because Lloyd's has managed to raise more money than it expected from various sources, and also because the Department of Trade and Industry has decided to lower the amount that names must pay into the newly established reinsurance company Equitas. The original DTI figure of £1.9 billion is understood to have been reduced to £1 billion. Names who pay into Equitas will be able to offload their liabilities relating to risks

insured before 1993. Many of those liabilities are related to asbestosis and pollution claims made in the US, and they are expected to remain a problem for many years.

Lloyd's said yesterday that it is to hold eight capacity auctions this year, from Monday to Thursday on alternate weeks from July 11 to October 17. The auctions are designed to give names a means of trading capacity, gaining access to a greater number of syndicates and allowing them to realise reasonable value for their syndicate participations.

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Prism wins 'misery line' with vow of new trains and safer stations

By JONATHAN PRYNN TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S most hated railway, the London, Tilbury and Southend (LTS) "misery line", passed into private hands yesterday with its new owners promising passengers new trains and more secure stations.

The £54 million a year passenger franchise, the seventh sold under privatisation. was awarded to Prism Rail, a consortium of bus managers backed by City institutions.

Prowting

profits

fall 38%

The volatile housing market caused a 38 per cent fall in profits at Prowting, the

building company, to £6

million before tax in the

over was lifted 11 per cent

to £108 million, but the low

margins saw operating profits fall by 10 per cent to £16.6 million. The total dividend is held at 3.8p.

A brief trading recovery in early autumn disap-

peared over winter, put-

ting pressure on its house

prices. Terry Roydon,

chief executive, said that visits to sites had picked

up significantly since March and that orders for

April and May were up 30 per cent on last year.

Lynx Holdings, the com-puter software and ser-

vices company, increased pre-tax profits to £2.07

million (£741,000) in the six months to March 31, lifted

by the £26.2 million acquisition of Vistec Group in

November. The interim dividend is lifted 13 per

cent to 0.45p a share.

Hussey post

Marmaduke Hussey, the former chairman of the

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The company plans to float on the Alternative Investment Market, becoming the first quoted company wholly devoted to running mainline railway services since nationalisation in 1948.

The franchise bid is financed by the 11 bus managers who founded Prism two years ago and a placing of shares with 22 City institutions. There are no venture capital backers. The managers used to work

for the formerly state-owned

National Bus Company, but left to run local bus companies when they were privatised between 1986 and 1988. Prism was set up specifically to run rail franchises and plans to bid for other routes.

the LTS commuter line, be-came a symbol of underinvestment in the railways in the 1980s and early 1990s and has been plagued by overcrowding, breakdowns and vandalism. Godfrey Burley, chairman,

The company's first success,

next year to phase out the line's unreliable "slam-door" trains, some of which date from the early 1960s. They will be replaced on all but some peak services by 17-yearold sliding door rolling stock. initially, and by a fleet of new trains by November 1999.

The winning bid for the 15-year franchise also included plans for more Sunday and offpeak services and £14 million spending on improving statminute; the management

a new one at West Ham, in east London, and provision of easier access for the disabled and better security.

naturally want to stop people calling it the misery line." Prism will take over the line from British Rail at the end of May, almost four months after the Government's first attempt to sell the franchise was abandoned at the last

Mr Burley said: "We quite

of the franchise had to pull out amid allegations of ticket

fraud, still being investigated. Prism will receive £29.5 millian of government subsidy in the first year of the franchise, falling to £11.2 million in 2011. British Rail receives a £34.6 million subsidy for the service. ☐ British Rail's Freightliner container business has been sold in a management buyout. virtually completing privatisation of BR freight operations.

Silentnight maintains its profit posture

PRE-TAX Silentnight Holdings, Europe's largest bedmaker, were unchanged at Ell.1 million in the year to February 3. in spite of a rise in turnover to £190 million from £177 million.

Profits included £900.000 from the sale of the company's subsidiary in Kenya. UK bed sales, which accounts for 80 per cent of turnover, grew by 3.6 per cent to £153 million. An acquisition in Canada boosted North American sales by 37 per cent to £18.1 million. making 10 per cent of the overall turnover.

The company said that UK bed sales were up 14 per cent in the three months to April. and that its margins were recovering. The dividend was held at 8p a share, with an unchanged final of 5.25p, pay-able from earnings of 16.78p

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Bed sitters: Bill Simpson, left, Silentnight chief executive, and Barry McKenzie, group finance director

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Lang 'lacking strategy on utilities'

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

LABOUR yesterday rounded on Ian Lang. President of the Board of Trade, as he attempted to outline a policy for the privatised utilities in a speech that flew in the face of previous government lines on

John Battle, the party's energy spokesman, said: "We are still waiting for a strategy from Mr Lang. At the moment, we have vertical, horizontal and diagonal integration and we have seen nothing that indicates a coherent

Mr Lang used a speech to the Adam Smith Institute to underline the importance of competition on the Govern-ment's agenda. However, he emphasised that he would intervene in free-market decisions until adequate competition had been achieved. He

was reluctant to elaborate on how adequate competition would be determined. After the speech he said that he would know satisfactory competition "when I see it"...

It had been hoped that his speech would give an indica-tion of the thinking of the Government after the surprise vetos on the power generators' bids for regional electricity tion that it would retain gold-

en shares in the generators. Mr Lang said competition would drive development in the privatised utilities, but that they remained in transitory state and some government intervention was necessary.

But he admitted: "The Government has no blueprint for the industrial structure of the utility sectors."

Mr Lang also clashed with the policy of his predecessor, Michael Heseltine, when he

said it was not the place of competition policy to "engineer the creation of so-called national champions". He said such protection had led to third-rate companies such as the pre-privatisation British Coal and British Steel.

Mr Lang told the institute that the role of the regulators would subside as competition developed. But again he qualified this by emphasising their

C&W close to choosing in lead with new chief

BY ERIC REGULY

CABLE and Wireless, the telecommunications company that broke off merger talks with BT last week, expects to appoint a chief executive before the release of its financial results on May 23. The executive, an American

who has not been named. could confirm acceptance next week. C&W is anxious to get the new man in place to restore management stability and develop its strategy as an independent telecoms player.

Last November the C&W board ousted Lord Young of Graffham, the chairman, and James Ross, the chief executive. Shortly afterwards, it entered merger negotiations with BT, and was forced to put the appointment of a new chief executive on hold.

At the time it was thought that Sir Peter Bonfield, chief executive of BT, would become chief executive of the enlarged group if the merger went

The new C&W chief executive is said to have broad experience in the American phone industry. Rod Olsen, the finance director and acting chief executive, may take on the title of deputy chief executive but would not comment.

FirstBus SBH deal

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

CONSOLIDATION in the bus industry sped up yester-day as FirstBus, the public transport group formed last summer by the merger of Badgerline and GRT, moved to buy SB Holdings in a recom-mended deal worth £110 million.

Some 3,000 SBH bus drivers will see a £300 investment made two years ago turned into an average of £34,000.

The takeover of SBH, which has 3,500 employees and runs 1,250 buses in greater Glasgow, involves £96 million and a special dividend of about £14 FirstBus, the UK's second-

biggest bus operator, will become the biggest by this deal, and will raise £90 million via a two-for-seven rights issue, at

140p a share, to fund it. SBH made profits of £11.3 million in the year to March 31, an turnover of £91.9 million, and had assets of £28,9

FirstBus will pay Stage-coach, its larger rival, £23.9 million for its 21.7 per cent stake in SBH. Stagecoach will realise a profit of about £15 million.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Foreign purchases of US firms double

FOREIGN purchases of American companies almost doubled to \$26.6 billion in the first quarter, led by Canadian and Japanese buyers seeking to expand in the retail and consumer products markets, according to KPMG Peat Marwick LLP, British purchases dropped by \$1.6 billion but still ranket hird at \$4.3 billion. The Netherlands followed with \$4.2 billion, well over the \$156 million in the 1995 first quarter. German firms more than tripled their spending over the year to \$1.5 billion. However, US companies spent only \$8.4 billion on acquiring foreign companies, up 6 per cent.

Canadian firms were the most active buyers of US firms, spending almost \$10 billion in 65 announced deals. Japanese firms were a distant second but more than doubled their spending to almost \$4.6 billion. The largest Japanese purchase was Sumitomo Bank's acquisition of Daiwa Bank's US operations.

New offer from ICA

INDEPENDENT Car Auctions, which launched an agreed bid for Central Motor Auctions last week, has produced an alternative offer. Under the existing offer. ICA needs 75 per cent of shareholders' votes to gain 100 per cent of CMA's shares. ADT has lifted its stake from 9.9 per cent to 18.5 per cent, just 6.5 per cent short of a veto. If ICA's first plan is rejected, it will issue a cash offer of 87p per CMA share that would need only 50 per cent of the vote. ICA's original bid has been lifted from 87p to 90p.

BAT subsidiary to sell

SOUZA CRUZ, the Brazilian subsidiary of BAT Industries, the British tobacco and financial services group, has agreed to sell a 28 per cent interest in Aracruz Celulose for \$250 million to a subsidiary of Anglo American of South Africa. The disposal will result in a BAT profit before tax and minority interest of about \$50 million. Aractuz, with headquarters in Rio de Janeiro, is the world's largest producer of bleached hardwood kraft market pulp.

Avesta's 75% increase

AVESTA SHEFFIELD, the Anglo-Swedish steel group, achieved a 75 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to 4.75 billion kronor (about £460 million) for the 15 months to March 31. However, the group, owned by British Steel, said the fifth quarter profit of SKr452 million is "significantly lower" than quarterly results in 1995 due to sharp falls in demand and prices as a result of destocking". Order intake increased in the first quarter of 1996 but demand and prices remained unstable.

Maiden takes off

SHARES in Maiden Group, the outdoor advertising company, ended their first day of trading at 271p yesterday. They reached a high of 274p, a 24.5 per cent premium to the flotation price of 220p, which valued the company at £86.5 million. Maiden placed more than 9.6 million shares with financial institutions in a full listing on the Stock Exchange. The float will raise around £20 million, which will be used largely to reduce borrowings that financed a buyout in 1995.

Warner Howard hit

A LULL in demand hit sales at Warner Howard, whose core business is the selling and rental of laundry equipment and hand-dryers. Pre-tax profits for the year to February 28 nudged up 1.7 per cent to £7.16 million. They included a £780,000 contribution from Orwak Linley, the bailer and waste-compact firm bought last May for £4.5 million. Warner said sales should recover next year. Earnings were 20.76p (20.97p): a final dividend of 5.85p made a total of 9p (8p).

Watchdog boost for Rec

STEPHEN LITTLECHILD, the electricity regulator, yesterday reaffirmed that Eastern, the regional electricity company, is likely to be allowed to buy power stations from National Power. Starting a consultation on the plant sales, which the regulator forced to encourage generation competition. Professor Littlechild repeated previous indications that the company's own-generation limits

Fine debut by Vanguard

SHARES in Vanguard Medica made their debut on the London Stock Exchange yesterday and closed at 628p, up almost 40 per cent from their issue price of 450p, on volume of six million shares. Vanguard, a drugs development company started by six industry veterans, including Sir John Vane, the Nobel prizewinner, raised £46.5 million through the placement of the II million new shares — about 44 per cent of the enlarged company's share capital. Stock market, page 24

Wyndeham purchase

WYNDEHAM Press Group, the printing services company, is to buy ET Heron, the magazine and brochure printers, for up to £12.3 million in cash and shares. It is funding the purchase by raising £6.07 million through a placing and open offer, sponsored by NatWest Wood Mackenzie, which offers one new share at 196p for every nine held. Existing shares rose 10p to 212p. Wyndeham has forecast profits of not less than £4.9 million before tax for the year ended March 31, 1996.

Anglo Irish 34% ahead

ANGLO Irish Bankcorp, the Dublin-based bank, reported a 34 per cent increase in profits to IrES 6 million for the six months to 31 March. Earnings per share were Ir3.44p, compared to IR2.63p. The interim dividend rises 10 per cent to Irl.50p per share. During the six-month period, Anglo Irish Bankcorp acquired a £69 million loan portfolio from Allied Dunbar and purchased Ansbacher Banks, one of Ireland's leading private banks, with assets above Ir£185 million.

Inntrepreneur reduces estate by one third

Sale of pubs raises £262m

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

INNTREPRENEUR, the pub operator, is to sell 1,410 pubs, a third of its estate, for £262 million to Spring Inns. a

newly created company. Inntrepreneur, a joint venture between Grand Metropolitan and the Australian group Foster's, will concen-trate on developing its core public houses. The proceeds of the sale will be used to reduce existing debt and to fund development in the remaining estate.

Spring lans is 98 per cent owned by Royal Exchange Trust Company, a trust owned by Guardian Royal

Exchange. But Grand Met

and Foster's will retain beneficial control while a consor-tium of banks headed by National Westminster will provide the financing.

Spring Inns said it would

attempt to dispose of the pubs. and was looking ideally for a single purchaser. If no overall buyer emerged it would consider offers from individual retailers. All existing agreements with tenants will be maintained, along with the supply arrangement with Courage, valid until 1998.

The deal, which was made at book value, effectively ti-

dies Inntrepreneur's balance sheet, allowing the company to invest in its remaining outlets. Inntreprenuer was formed from the merger of the pub estates of GrandMet and Courage in 1991. The number of pubs under its control has been steadily reduced — from a peak of 8,400 to 2,900 after the latest sale. Michael Foster, its chief

executive, said yesterday: "We have concentrated our estate to free resource, both financial and managerial, to provide further improvements in the services and support we offer to our retailers.



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☐ MEMBERS of Norwich Union — according to how you read the situation — gather in that city this morning to close the door to carpet-baggers or nail shut a stable door after giving the horse seven months to walk

One of two things will happen to the Norwich over the next year and a bit. It can float on the stock market, or it can be taken over. This could be by a bigger or swifter rival or as part of a Sun Alliance-Royal-style defensive merger. Either way, members — its two million "with-profits"

policyholders — will gain.
If the Norwich floats with an estimated value of £2 billion, they will receive shares that a back-of-the-envelope calculation values at somewhere in the £600 to £800 region. If it is taken over, they will suffer a loss of control that requires compensation from the bidder. This, on the basis of the usual premium for control, could push their average windfall into four figures.

The Norwich intimated in October that a flotation was a possibility, thereby making it — or a takeover — inevitable. Today's meeting will see the passing of an enabling motion to allow management at a later

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Back to the future in Norwich

date to close the membership. Some quirk of history dating back to the foundation of the Norwich Union Fire Society in 1797 - distracted by that year's Spithead naval mutiny, perhaps? - means that this authority was not included in the articles of association.

It is needed now, If the Norwich subsequently decides to float, the books must be closed to carpet-baggers, those who might take up policies in the expectation of a demutualisation windfall - on the assumption that they have not already done so.

If pressed on whether they have, the management at today's meeting will say that figures kept by the society do not suggest any sudden upturn in new policies. Carpet-bagging the Norwich is a rather trickier task than shovelling a few hundred quid across the counter at your local building society and waiting for your six numbers to come up, requiring as it does an insurance policy and the start of a long-term

relationship with the society. Insiders say there is plenty of fat to come off the Norwich if it is floated or merged. The management layer is bloated far beyond the needs of its relatively shrunken sales force, which must leave a lot of paper-shufflers at head office. Meanwhile, market share has fallen in the niche endowment mortgage business, for example, the Norwich is thought to have a 2 per cent share against 12 per cent

at its peak. Someone has plenty of work to do,

Consistency is all we ask

 \square IAN LANG set out his stall on competition policy yesterday. Well, not so much a stall, more of a hastily parked car boot, arranged with whatever he had to hand, and something that could be easily packed away again and driven off ... in any direction.

After a couple of inconsistent

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decisions on the power industry that defied all logic, we were all keen to know what strategy we were missing. Inconsistency number one was Mr Lang's veto of the generators' bids for re-gional electricity companies, because he felt electricity generation was not yet competitive enough and the two companies would wield too much power.

Mr Lang could, as this column has suggested, have sanctioned the deals with the condition that the generators disposed of more power stations to further competition. Instead, he said yes-terday that he, and only he,

would know sufficient competition when it arrived. He also said that market forces

would drive progress for the privatised utilities. Presumably these are the same market forces that led the two generators to seek cost savings in those mergers that he blocked. Instead, the Government will intervene whenever necessary in the runup to full competition in case it all goes wrong. In case competition kills competition. Worry not; again, Mr Lang will know

when that happens.
The second inconsistency came when he decided to keep the golden shares in the generators because of competition considerations. Since when has a potential change of ownership impacted on competition? Only when that change of ownership was prompted by an American company that raised the political stakes by threatening a US presence of about a third in the UK electricity industry. That

Different too when Tory dissidents such as John Redwood begin baying that the whole mess had got out of hand.

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Inntrepreneurial wheeze with GRE

☐ ALARM and confusion after misleading newswire reports that the Guardian Royal had decided to go into the pub business. Great opportunities for cross-selling - even the dodgiest car insurance policy looks good after the fifth pint — but hardly a core activity, one thinks.

Not so, not so. GRE is merely providing a trust company to facilitate a clever deal whereby the Inntrepreneur pub operator sends one in three of its estate, and presumably the worst third, into a parking orbit pending an eventual sale. The new company has its own finance, leaving Inntrepreneur in a position to invest more on sprucing up those pubs being retained.

Just who is going to want the ones for sale is less clear. Supply agreements with Courage are in place to March 1998, making them less attractive to brewers. The independent pub operators are not flavour of the month with the stock market, so finance might be a problem. Inn-trepreneur is bowing to the inevitable by accepting the chain may have to be broken up.

But by focusing on the remaining business the deal should bring nearer that blessed day when Grand Metropolitan and Foster's Brewing, reluctant coowners of Inntrepreneur, can finally walk away, probably by means of a stock market float in a couple of years.

Compass point

☐ A STRONG response from the City to the latest catering deal for Compass Group. A surpris-ing number of analysts rang up professing fascination over the relatively modest £6.5 million purchase of Payne & Gunter. Then the penny dropped P&G are responsible, inter alia, for catering at Twickenham. The teenage scribblers were keen to know their chances of a more indepth study one day.

Royal Dutch Shell notches up record income of £1.74bn

By Sarah Cunningham

ROYAL Dutch Shell, the Anglo-Dutch oil company, yesterincome in the first three months of this year of £1.74 billion, up 37 per cent on the same quarter of last year.

High natural gas sales, boosted by the cold winter, higher crude oil prices and lower operating costs combined to push the group's profits way above City forecasts of about £1.3 billion to £1.4 billion and inspired some analysts to increase their forecasts for the whole year to more than £5 billion.

Alan MacDonald, oil analyst at SBC Warburg, said: These were extraordinarily high results and the main thing is that this company has because of favourable

shares of the British half of the company, Sheji Transport and Trading. They rose 35.5p to

close at 887p.

Royal Dutch Shell said that its exploration and production earnings rose 53 per cent in the quarter to £915 million, with crude oil production up 2 per cent to 2.34 million barrels per day and natural gas sales up to per cent to 10.26 billion of cubic feet per day.

Refining and marketing earnings were up 56 per cent to £525 million, with oil product sales up 8 per cent to 6.142 million barrels per day.

The only black spot for the group was the performance of its chemicals units, but even there results were better than in the last quarter of last year. Chemicals any of its peers, so it is not just down 54 per cent to £165

Cash flow from operating activities was £2.5 billion,

Capital signals advance

STRONG revenue growth and improved margins helped Capital Radio to shake off the effects of increasing competition in the London area as Britain's largest commercial radio group tuned into a 23 per cent advance in first-half profits (Philip Pangalos

Pre-tax profits at Capital, the core assets of which are London-based Capital FM and Capital Gold on AM. climbed to E15.6 million in the half year to March 31, up from £12.7 million last time. The group saw a "strong performance" in revenue and audience at all its stations, with total turnover ahead 19 per cent to £38.1 million.

Ian Irvine, chairman, said: "Each of our stations continues to be market ider in its area."

The interim dividend is raised to 4p (3.25p) and is payable on July 1, from earnings ahead 23 per cent to 14.ip (11.5p) a share.

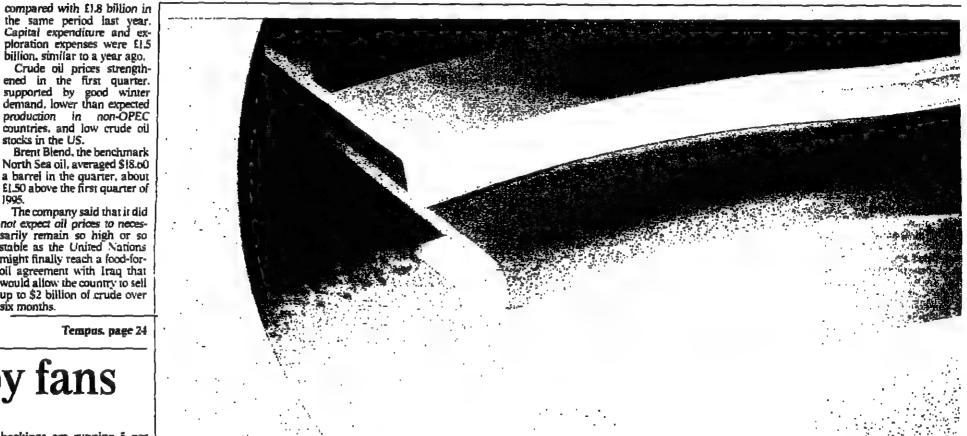
Willis Corroon static

WILLIS CORROON, the international insurance broker, claimed trading conditions had deteriorated as it reported a slight drop in pre-tax profits to £48.1 million (£48.5 million) for the three months to March 31 (Marianne Curphey writes.)

Excluding the effects from the dis-posal of the group's interests in Heddington Brokers and Gryphon Holdings and foreign-exchange movements, profits rose on an underlying basis by 4 per cent. With a reduced tax charge, earnings rose 5 per cent from E29.2 million to £30.6 million.

The group's brokerage and fee turnover of £198.5 million was 2 per cent higher than that for the corresponding three months in 1995. Total operating profit rose 4 per cent from £45 million to £46.7 million.

Earnings per share were 7.3p (7p); the dividend remains unchanged at



Vaux cheered by fans

By Alasdair Murray

SUNDERLAND Football Club's successful season helped Vaux, the brewery and hotels company based in the North East, to raise its halfyear pre-tax profits by 14 per cent to £13.3 million. Vaux which will sponsor the

club in the Premiership next season, said sales of premium ager rose 5 per cent as fans toasted the club's promotion. The brewing division as a whole lifted operating profits 41 per cent to £1.3 million.

There was also a strong performance from its Swallow hotel chain which raised profits 17 per cent to £9 million. Room occupancies averaged 66 per cent, a rise of 3.1 percentage points, while

The triumphant Sunderland team sponsored by Vaux

bookings are running 5 per cent ahead for the next

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The managed house division also increased profits 14 per cent to £4.1 million, boosted by the transfer of 26 pubs from the tenanted division. But the tenanted pubs division suffered an 8 per cent decline in profits to £6.2 million, although the com-

pany said the downward frend appeared to be easing. Profits in the nursing homes division, also fell by 19 per cent to £1.8 million. Vaux nave appointed Hambros, the merchant bank, to find a buyer for the division. Sir Paul Nicholson, chairman, said that there had been considerable interest in the sale, although no formal offer

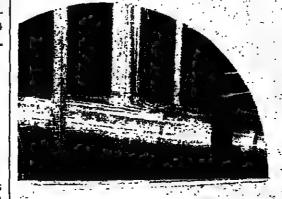
had been received. Overall turnover, for the 24 weeks to March 16, was up 8.7 interim dividend rises 3 per cent to 3.56p, due on May 29.

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Young sales help profits at N Brown

A MOVE towards targeting younger customers has helped to boost annual profits at N Brown, the home shopping group (Clare Stewart writes.)

Sales through its Fash-ion World, Candid and Classic Combination catalogues targeted at 30 to 40year-old women, rose by 35 per cent last year, making up 15 per cent of total home shopping sales.

Operating profits across all the home shopping division rose by 19.4 per cent to £33.0 million. But N Brown's property and financial services division saw operating profits fall by 47 per cent to £233,000. Gearing has dropped from 34 per cent to 23 per cent and the final dividend

of 4.lp makes 5.7p for the

year, an 18.8 per cent rise.

Jarvis books in for the market

By Clare Stewart

JARVIS HOTELS, the eighth largest UK chain, is set to join the stock market this summer in a £280 million flotation.

Jarvis, headed by John Jarvis, former Hilton International chief, plans to float by way of a placing and intermediaries offer. Prospectus details are due out next month.

Mr Jarvis, chairman and chief executive, said: The market capitalisation will be in the £250-£280 million range, which is underpinned by a property valuation of £323 million."

He added that the flotation would strengthen the balance sheet and enable the group to make further acquisitions in

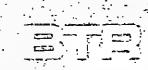
Just under 50 per cent of the equity is to be sold, with the group's 100 institutional and

venture capital shareholders selling on average about a third of their holdings. Mr Jarvis, who founded the

company with David Thomas. the deputy chief executive who was formerly head of Ladbroke Hotels, will have a stake post-floration worth between £5 million and £6 million.

The group consists of 62 mid-market hotels in the UK focusing on short-break, business and conference customers and offering facilities such as Sebastian Coe Health Clubs. It has grown rapidly through acquisitions, including the purchase of 41 hotels from Allied Breweries.

Profits before tax for the year ending March 31, 1996, rose to £9.1 million, against 58.7 million last time.



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Shares bounce back after turnround in New York

SHARE prices on the London stock market moved into posi-tive territory for the first time this week after being encouraged by Wall Street's 131-point turnround overnight.

This, combined with a bumper set of first-quarter figures from Shell, the oil group, enabled the FT-SE 100 index to close 21.0 up at 3,728.3. Trading conditions remained thin. Less than 700 million shares changed hands by the close.

Despite the brighter performance, dealers are cautious about short-term prospects with the "self in May and go away" adage ringing in their ears. Market-makers still have plenty of stock on their books and are reluctant to encourage the bears.

Shell ended the session 352p higher at 887p, equivalent to a seven-point rise in the index. After a poor end to last year, the group has bounced back with a surge in net profits from £1.28 billion to £1.62 billion, way above brokers' forecasts. Exploration and production profits were boosted by strong natural gas sales volumes and lower operating costs. The only black spot was chemical operations which fell 54 per cent to £165 million in a difficult market.

Lucas Industries slipped a further 4p to 223p after Wednesday's announcement from the company that the talks with Varity Corporation are unlikely to lead to a bid. But the takeover speculation continues to bubble with brokers taking the view that the talks with Varity may prompt a bid from Siemens of Germany or TI Group. Ip firmer at 552p.

Telspec was floored by its second profits warning in the past couple of months. The shares tumbled 242p to 513p. The group told shareholders at the annual meeting that temporary problems would affect profits in the first half. The group said high-margin sales which would be expected to contribute £2 million had been delayed to the second haif. In March the group saw its share price dented by news of late deliveries.

Full-year figures from Scottish Power included the benefits of Manweb, the regional electricity company it acquired iast year. The group reported an 8 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £405 million and confirmed plans for an increasingly liberal dividend



Ian Robinson and Murray Stuart saw Scottish Power rise

policy. Murray Stuart, chair-man, said the group had completed the major part of restructuring the business resulting in the generation of greater value from Manweb than originally expected. The shares responded with a rise of 7p to 374p.

A 23 per cent increase in half-year pre-tax profits at Capital Radio, the indepenthe biggest operators in the sector.

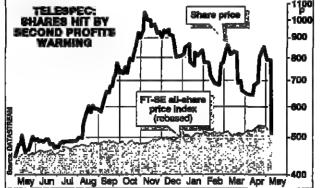
A profits warning left Hewden-Stuart, the plant hire group, nursing a fall of 6p to 154p. Trading during the first two months of the year had been disappointing and was below budget. The group blamed the situation on severe weather which had delayed many projects and said it was

Memory Corporation, the accident-prone microchip repairer. tumbled 37p to 133p after warning of further potential stock writedowns. In March, the group plunged into the red, blaming falling prices. Memory joined AIM in December 1994, but has seen its price tumble from the peak of 554p reached last year.

dent broadcaster, was rewarded with a rise of 9p to 673p. The result was achieved on the back of strong growth in advertising revenue. Brokers are looking for up to £33 million for the full year.

FirstBus, the independent bus operator, was unchanged at 168p after announcing plans to buy SBH, the Glasgow bus operator for £110 million. The deal will make FirstBus one of braced for further pressure on rates and margins. Wyndeham Press, the fast-

growing printer, headed by Bryan Bedson, former chairman of Brighton Football Club, is planning to raise £6.07 million by way a placing of 3.33 million new shares at 196p. The proceeds will be used to acquire Heron, a weboffset printer of long-run magazines and brochures, whose



Publishing. Last year Heron made pre-tax profits of £1.8 million. The market showed what it thought of the deal by marking the shares 10p higher

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FT Non Financials

Maiden headed a list of three stock market companies making their debuts. The outdoor advertising poster group opened at 274p, compared with the 220p the shares were originally placed at. That was to be the best of the day and the price eventually closed at

271p. a premium of 51p.
First-time trading in Vanguard Medica, the
biopharmaceutical supplier, got off to a flying start. Placed at 450p a share, the price started life at 625p and touched 633p before ending the session at 628p, a premium of 178p, as almost 6 million shares changed hands. At these levels, the group is valued at £155 million.

CA Coutts, the packaging group, also enjoyed a premium in first-time trading on the Alternative Investment Market. Placed at 105p by Beeson Gregory, the broker, the price opened at 123p and touched a high for the day of 124p before settling at 123p, a premium of

Disappointing trading news left Willis Corroon, the insurance broker, 3p easier at 147p. As a result, brokers are likely to begin downgrading rival Sedgwick, 2p firmer at 149p. ☐ GILT-EDGED: London managed to extend Wednesday's gains supported by a positive performance overnight from US Treasury Bonds. The market lost some of its momentum after publication of stronger-than-expected industrial production numbers and a hesitant start to trading by German bunds. But the selling proved shortlived with prices closing near their best of the day.

In the futures pit, the June eries of the long gilt rose £932 to £1051322 as the total number of contracts completed reached 50,000. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent

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retained a firm tone with Wednesday's late rally seen as an encouraging sign. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 19.15 points to

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Escape over the Border

SCOTTISHPOWER has a charmed position. As a vertically integrated company, it escaped the strict demarcation of the break-up exacted on the English and Welsh electricity business. ScottishPower was also able to buy a regional

company, Manweb.
While the English have similar moves blocked, ScottishPower hones its plans to expand its generating capacity south of the border, which is currently modest, and prepares to export further supply on the interconnector between Scotland and Eng-

land and on the planned link to Ireland. It hardly seems equitable. But such is the state of the electricity industry. ScottishPower has significant expansion plans, both in UKbased generation and in overseas activities. And it is clear from some areas of its business that growth by expansion is by far its best option. But underneath the top-line figures and dividend promises. ScottishPower is showing the cuts and bruises of sharp

competition. In generation, ScottishPower saw its operating profit slip £5.3 million, and in wholesale selling into the electricity pool for England and Wales - it slumped 22 per cent to £201

million on the back of lower pool prices. In second-tier supply (serving customers competitively outside the franchise area) the company made a loss of £4.4 million in electricity and £5.1 million in gas. Both were worse figures than last year. The competitive arena comprises only industrial users at present, but this will expand in 1998 to domestic consumers. The already tight margins will become tighter and open to more virulent rivalry.

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BP must be feeling extremely irritated. It announced record quarterly results last week and its shares fell. whereas Shell Transport and Trading's record first-quarter earnings yesterday - no better than BP's - pushed

the shares up 35.5p to \$87p.

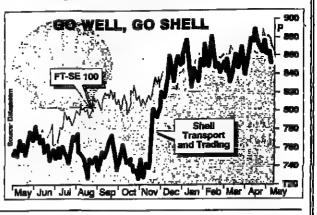
Both BP and Shell produced excellent figures, and did considerably better than Mobil and Exxon, their American cousins. The simple explanation is that investors have come to expect great things from BP. Shell, on the other hand, with a return on capital of under 10.9 per cent this time last year - now risen to 11.3 per cent - compared with an industry average of 12-14 per cent, had lost respect.

That looks set to change: some analysts have increased their forecasts for the whole of the year for Shell by 5 per cent or so to more than £5 hillion and are looking at an upside to share prices of as high as 950p.

Shell has certain advantages over its rivals. Compared with other companies. it has a huge cushion of capital which has allowed it to take a long view and invest through the bad times.

As a result, in the buoyant market conditions seen so far this year, it has been able to step up volumes to meet demand.

The next quarter's figures should tell us whether growth is sustainable but investors will have to wait until September to know whether there is good news on dividends.



FirstBus

THOUSANDS of Glasgow bus drivers will have every reason to be happy this morning after the £110 million recommended offer from FirstBus for SB Holdings. which operates 1,250 buses in greater Glasgow. Some 3.000 SBH bus drivers will see an investment of £300 made two years ago turn into an average of £34,000.

FirstBus's latest deal comes hot on the heels of last month's E52 million acquisition of bus operations in Manchester and Portsmouth. it makes FirstBus the UK's biggest bus operator with a 21 per cent market share, compared with Stagecoach's 17 per cent.

FirstBus has certainly paid a full price for SBH, though it claims the deal will be earnings enhancing. However. Labour Party policy on buses is not yet clear and there is always the possibility that any future Labour government may appoint a regulator to the industry or enforce a price structure.

Analysts predict full-year pre-tax profits of about E25 million after exceptionals. giving earnings of 8p a share. This puts FirstBus shares. which have had a strong run recently, on a price earnings multiple of about 21 times. This is a premium to the rest of the stock market but it remains on a par with competitors. However, the ride

Vaux

the longer term.

BID rumours have swirled around Vaux, the brewing and hotel company, as long as anyone can remember. Vaux has looked vulnerable as a regional brewer trapped in a market carve-up by the four big players and as a small hotel operator in a sector that is currently one of the City's favourites.

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Weak results from its brewing operations, tenanted pubs and nursing homes division over the past year have only raised speculation about the company's fate. But yesterday's half-year results suggest Vaux may be doing enough to retain its independence for the time being.

The re-organisation of the brewing division began to bear fruit as the company pushed profits back above El million. The mix between the highly profitable managed inns and struggling tenanted pubs is also improving. In a refreshingly honest appraisal of the underperforming nursing home's division. Vaux admitted it had bought the division expecting to run the homes like hotels. The division is now on the market with Vaux making optimistic noises about the sale.

The recent bid speculation has placed the shares on a full-year rating of 16 times earnings. The company is beginning to look a little too expensive for predators, but it will have to continue to work hard to justify its new-found

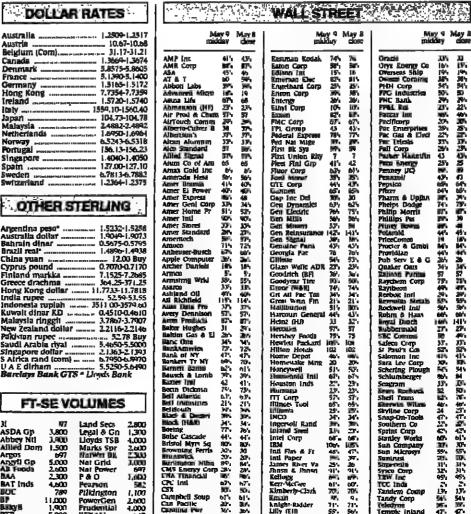
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Inquiry to quiz reaper

NORTH Yorkshire farmer Robert Goodwill, chosen to defend David Ashby's North-West Leicestershire seat at the next election, is planning to open Britain's first private cemetery on his 260-acre Southwood Farm. Planning refusal from Ryedale District Council has forced the father of three to defend his decision to fill his land at a public quiry next December. If Goodwill becomes the MP. however, he hopes to turn the area of outstanding natural beauty into "the altimate set-aside".

Hops of wrath

SOUTH East Water faced the wrath of management and guests at The Duke of York pub in the Pantiles area of Tunbridge Wells yesterday. When water supplies to the pub were cut off. manager Stuart Nasser was furious that the company was unable to help. Desperate for water in an area famed for its revitalising spas, a call to neighbouring Mid Kent, subject of a proposed joint bid by Water, came briskly to the While Hong Kong's tiny coterie of democratic politicians, spurred on by Chris rescue with a bowser.

Image in flames

BRITISH GAS'S rating in the annual analysis of press coverage fell further than any other company's in the past year. British Rail, Barings, Eurotunnel and Yorkshire Water were also at the bottom of the pile, while Marks and Spencer attracted more favourable coverage than any other UK company. NatWest, which took last year's wooden spoon, saw the coverage over the previous vear's rating



"It was such a lovely winter

Coining phrases

BORIS YELTSIN'S economic adviser is taking time out in the run-up to Russia's presidential election in June to speak at a London conference next week hosted by the Chartered Institute of Bankers and the Association of Russian Banks. Sergei Yegerov, who doubles as ARB president, is one of three speakers at the event. which follows Russia's threat to expel British diplomats.

Pillow talk

NOT surprisingly, Silent-night, the UK's largest maker of beds, backs the Sleep Council's verdict that the British don't change their beds as often as is hygienic. Our health-conscious sleeping partners in the US change their beds once every ten years on average, compared with every 16 years in the UK. according to Silentnight finance director, Barry McKenzie.

Royal family

IT IS more than a family tree that links Daniel Meinertzhagen, chairman of Royal Insurance from 1974 to 1985, with his son Peter. Five years after his father's death. Peter was the leading broker for ABN Amro Hoare Govett acting for Royal Insurance in its merger with Sun Alliance. "I'm sure he would have approved, says Meinertzagen Junior, whose uncle was a senior partner at Cazenove.

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Hong Kong old guard gives way to 1997 welcoming party

Tom Walker on how a colony devoted to business intends to carry on thriving under rule from China

nessman, among the world's richest men and one of the few Hong Kong Chinese to have conquered the British market. where his Hutchison Whampoa investment umbrella includes the Orange telephone network and Felixstowe docks.

and chief executive

of Hopewell, the Hong Kong prop-

erty company, has a favourite

riposte to those who predict doom after the Chinese take-over of the British colony next

year. "What will happen after

1997?" Mr Wu is often asked at

cocktail parties and dipomatic

receptions. "1998," the taipan

Patten, make angry noises about the approaching apoca-

lypse, most businessmen take

the Wu approach — and theirs

is the predominant voice,

because business, after all, is

the language of Hong Kong. So what is this 29 square

mile lump of rock and adjoin-

ing 404 square mile bite of the

3.7 million square mile Chi-

nese motherland that Britain

is relinquishing? It is the

world's eighth-largest trading

economy (with exports and imports valued at \$301 billion);

the world's eleventh-largest

services exporter (\$2 billion);

the world's largest container

port; a government among the

world's richest, with \$57.17

billion in foreign reserves; the

most popular tourist destina-

tion in Asia, with more than

9.3 million visitors last year:

and six million people, with per-capita GDP of \$22,000.

Mr Wu's expanded answer to

the 1997 question is obvious:

can China, in all its poverty-

ridden vastness, really want to

destroy this jewel, this window

"There are over 1,000 British

companies operating in Hong

Kong, and not one of them is

planning to leave after 1997 as

far as I know," says Francis Cornish, British Trade Com-

missioner in the colony. "In

investment terms, it's almost

impossible to quantify the

value of the place. And what

you must remember is that

Hong Kong is the gateway to

China. There is no such thing

as a British company that is

here for Hong Kong. They are

This is not to say that

businessman are not steeling

themselves for Chinese take-

over and the new "Special

Administrative Region" of the People's Republic. "Prudent"

and "pragmatic" are the buzz-

Take Li Ka-shing, Hong

Kong's most successful busi-

all here for China."

words these days.

on the outside world?

replies, with a grin.

Has Mr Li joined the prodemocracy supporters chant-ing in the rain as they await the arrival of Lu Ping. Peking's henchman for the handovers of Hong Kong and neighbouring Macao? No, Mr Li is building a £100 million 20-storey block destined to be the new Chinese ministry of foreign affairs in Hong Kong. A small gift to the new rulers, says Mr Li, by way of reminding Peking whose side he is on. In the view of the new taipans, it is better to wave a chequebook at Communism than stand defiant before its

Even the great British "hongs", the trading houses whose rampant expansion in the Far East forced Lord Paimerston to win over the colony with gunboat diplomacy 154 years ago, have come round to this doffed-cap approach. When Swire Group last week allowed the Chinese National Aviation Corporation to take over its regional hub airline. Dragonair, while also giving the China international Trading and investment Cornoration (Citic) a healthy chunk of Cathay Pacific, it was a clear indication that British companies no longer go their own way in Hong Kong. In one fell stock exchange coup. Britain's Hong Kong skies ended for

Swire Group has, for many years, believed in accommodation with the Chinese mainland, a strategy diametrically opposed by Jardine Matheson until lately. It was at Jardine's instigation that Hong Kong was wrenched from China in the first place (in retaliation for a local mandarin's cheek at trying to cut off the company's lucrative opium trade) and unfortunately Peking's apparatchiks have long memories when it comes to injury against the state. It was not surprising. then, that, in 1949, when the Communists seized Shanghai, they immediately nationalised

enry Keswick, Jardine's Londonbased chairman, has a long memory, too, having been born in Shanghai, and after the Tiananmen Square massacre he had no difficulty in telling a panel of MPs that Peking's was a "Marxist-Leninist, thuggish, oppressive regime".

The contrast between Keswick and Li Ka-shing could not be starker. Keswick is the face of the old Hong Kong, educated at Eton and Cambridge, and predestined to wealth and power. Li. on the other hand, was born to a poor family in Guandong on the mainland, relying on his wits to rise from being a manufacturer of plastic flowers to holding pole position in the Hong Kong business world. It is this culture clash of



Culture clash: Li Ka-shing, left, and Henry Keswick

colonial arrogance versus Chies on property ownership. nese business realpolitik that has been concluded in the

men are at the helm

ness in China at will, and few

now doubt that Hong Kong's once-level playing field has tilted towards Peking.

"China has the most impor

ant decision when it comes to

this deal," said Kelli Mauricio,

an analyst, referring to the

merger talks, adding that Chi-

nese officials "have a sour taste

in their mouth about Britain".

pany owning Hong Kong

As 1997 approaches, busi-

politics. Surveys back this up;

in spite of enormous uncer

tainty in the political arena,

where a host of basic human

rights questions remain unan-

swered, businessmen continue

to like Hong Kong. The Political and Economic

Risk Consultancy, a respected

local barometer of the Asian

business climate, recently said that Hong Kong is seen as posing less risks than any-

where apart from Singapore

And last week, Mark Mobi-

us, president of Templeton

Emerging Markets Fund, de-

clared Hong Kong the world's

most attractive emerging mar-

ket. "We expect money and people to flow from China into Hong Kong after 1997," he

The two plaudits add to a

catalogue of business approval

of Hong Kong's handover, cul-minating in the US-based Heritage Foundation's asser-

tion that Hong Kong leads the

and Japan.

1990s, and the new pro-China Analysts in Hong Kong now privately ask whether British Telecom's courtship of Hong Kong Telecom, the Cable and Wireless subsidiary, was not quietly derailed by China, even though the official line was different. As Jardine has already found out to its cost. Chinese officials can block the market in the world. awarding of lucrative contracts or stop a thriving busi-

they see business bend over backwards to please China is that the basis for unlettered capitalism - honesty and transparency in the workplace
- could slide under Chinese

elance basis through the new government of the Special Administrative Region," says one British diplomat. "There is Another analyst pulled no punches, saying: "Optimally, you'd want a Chinese coma great deal of ignorance on this point. The big men in Peking will look at everything that Hong Kong has and say "We can get in there and behave just like we do in China'. And then it will come ness, the driving dynamic behind Hong Kong, seems to have almost entirely divorced itself from the sideshow of down to patronage and power - and that's the awful possi-bility for this place in ten

The foundation's 1996 index praises its minimal trade barriers, openness to foreign investment, absence of burdensome regulations and strong guaran-

The statistics can be trotted out: Hong Kong, home to more than 700 international companies; the world's thirdlargest banking centre, with more than 500 financial institutions from 43 countries, including 85 of the world's top 100 banks; the world's eighth-largest stock market and Asia's second-largest, with a capitalisation of more than \$267 billion; and the fourth-largest gold

What worries diplomats as

"If things go funny after 1997, it will be done on a years' time."

Rand suffers as honeymoon is forgotten

Jon Ashworth charts the travails of the stricken South African currency

the price of food, inflation, and the cost of buying a new car, but nothing inflames the national consciousness as much as the cost of a foreign holiday. Tourists planning trips to Europe or the Far East have watched in horror as the rand slumps further and further against the dollar and pound. Where it will lead, no one knows.

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South Africa had been enjoying something of a honeymoon until February, about President Mandela's health sent the rand sliding. The president received the all-clear, but the rumours

persisted. A more lasting blow fol-lowed when Chris Liebenberg, a non-partisan former banker, followed the example of his predecessor, Derek Keys, and resigned as finance director, handing control of the economy to Trevor Manuel, a member of the African National Congress. To die-hard Afrikaners im-

bued in a culture of swart peril) and Communist plots, nightmare per-sonified. The sonified. luckiess Manuel did quite a good job in his

previous trade and industry post, but the handover proved too much for the financial markets.

The rand, which held steady at about R3.90 to the dollar for much of 1995, hit a low of R4.58 on April 26. The currency settled at about R4.51 to the dollar after yesterday's announcement. On the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, the all-share in-dex lost 88 points to 6,130 within two hours of the announcement. The industrial index plummeted 154 points to 7,219.

The market has been plagued by rumours and political changes, and last year's decision to scrap the financial rand heightened expectations that exchange controls would be abolished. The Government has repeatedly said it will not be rushed into any decisions.

Some observers think the withdrawal of the National Party could be the biggest threat yet to South Africa's economic stability. Graham

outh Africans have al- Bell, head of equities at ways grumbled about Standard Bank in London, said inflation was now certain to rise from about 6 per cent, a 20-year low, to nearer 9 or 10 per cent in the coming months. Inflation hit a high of 21 per cent in the mid-1980s, but has declined since President Mandela's release from prison, and the onset of

general elections. The inflationary impact on South Africa is such that something that cost RI in 1980 costs R7.50 today. Good rains have led to a reduction in food prices, but consumers can justifiably complain about the high cost of living. Unemployment remains high and the Government's much-vaunted Reconstruction and Development Plan (RDP) has yet to bear fruit. Eskom, the power utility, has made some inroads in bringing electricity to housefronts, such as housing and water, has frequently stalled. For foreign investors, the

latest slump in confidence rand, the better the buying comes to joint

ventures and

banker who

The slump in confidence presents a dilemma for

> investors circumstances. Standard Bank calculates that about \$5.5 billion in foreign money entered South Africa in the 18 months leading up to the end of 1995.

but of that, only about 20 per cent — or \$1.1 billion — was in direct investment. Those to take the plunge include Kodak, IBM and Tony O'Reilly's Independent Newspapers, while BMW and Rolls-Royce have invested in new plants.

There has been strong activity in the hotel sector, with Hyatt opening a 248-room hotel in Johannesburg last year at a cost of R165 million. Inter-Continental, owned by the Saison Group of Japan, announced a joint venture with Southern Suns, and plans to build nine hotels by the end of the decade.

The real winners, as always, are the foreign tourists, who can look forward to even cheaper deals when they head down south. The buying power of the pound or dollar has never been better.

Notification of Dividend

The Annual General meeting held on May 9, 1996 confirmed the distribution of a dividend of DM 14 per share of nominal value DM 50 for the financial year 1995.

The dividend will be paid on or after May 10, 1996 net of 25 % withholding tax plus an additional surcharge of 7.5 % against submission of dividend coupon No. 14 as appropriate at one of the paying agents listed in issue No. 88, dated May 10, 1996 of the German "Bundesanzeiger" (Federal Gazette).

In accordance with the Double Taxation Agreement of November 26, 1964, as amended on March 23, 1970, between the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany, the withholding tax plus the mentioned surcharge in respect of shareholders resident in the United Kingdom is reduced to 15 %. To claim this reduction, shareholders must submit an application for reimbursement before December 31, 2000. to the Bundesamt für Finanzen, Friedhofstr. 1, D-53225 Bonn.

In the United Kingdom the dividend payment, which is free of charge, will be made in Pounds Sterling with conversion from Deutschmarks at the rate prevailing on the day of submission of the dividend coupon and will take place through the London offices of the following Companies:

S. G. Warburg & Co. Ltd., 2 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PP.

Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited, 23 Great Winchester Street. London EC2P 2AX.

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Residents wait 50 years for return of the subsidised bus

From Professor Philip

Corrigan Sir, Congratulations to Christopher Ayres, winner of the NatWest/The Times Business Ethics Essay (April 29). His suggestion for free/subsidised travel for "low-income families and pensioners" has a longer history that you, Sir, and he may realise.

In their valuable report Housing Estates (1946). Rosamund Jevons and John Madge suggest the provision of free public transport for the

From Mr Terry Johnson Sir, Congratulations to Mr trate on turning around its Ayres for his prize-winning unprofitability? essay in the NatWest/The

Times competition. Presumably not too many marks would be awarded for the old-fashioned approach, which placed customer interests at least on a par with those

of shareholders. Closure of the hypothetical branch may be the short-term

occupants of one particular area. Filwood Park, of the Knowle and Bedminster Council Housing Estate built from 1920 onwards.

Within the estates as a whole, in which 45 per cent of all children were living in houses below the poverty level, Filwood Park (called then and now, by the residents, Knowle West) had a higher concentration of poverty and was lacking adequate shops.

This remains true today, several attempts to establish

Customer goodwill is very hard to replace easy option -- why not concen-

> After all, in the long run, the answer suggested may not really be the least costly customer goodwill, once lost, is very hard to replace. Yours faithfully. TERRY JOHNSON. 6 Colmess Road,

Elburton.

adequate local shopping having failed; and the area is one still marked by severe poverty and the above indicated social Perhaps you or Christopher

Ayres could send a copy of his essay to Eric Forth, Minister of Employment, who so re-cently spurned some £20 million in European Union funds, part of which was to be addressed to such matters of social exclusion.

A copy might also be sent to the local manager of Asda, in Bedminster, who could, using the suggested scheme, make travel from the Inns Court and Knowle West estates that much easier for those "lowincome families and pensioners" still resident there 50 years after Rosamund Jevons and John Madge first drew them to our attention.

Yours faithfully. PHILIP CORRIGAN. 19 Sidmouth Gardens. Bedminster. Bristol

Seeking sense in fuel price war

From Mr John Kimber Sir. Motorists are enjoying the benefits of the current fuel price war, and the Government is cheered by competition in action, and depression of the retail price index. I wonder if the shareholders in our supermarket groups are equally enthusiastic?

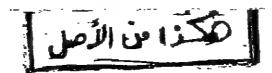
Many supermarkets are now retailing unleaded fuel at 51p per litre, ie, a real loss on product cost of 25p per litre. Given a typical supermarket throughput of 14 million litres per year this adds up to a loss of £350,000 per year per site. All without transport costs, overheads, and return on capital. Given the tennous link between fuel sales and shop purchases, this seems a shaky investment for core business development. So what is going on? Yours faithfully.

JOHN KIMBÉR Watson Cottage, High Street Waltham on the Wolds Melton Mowbray, Leics.

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Arraignment is surrender to court Power to try all charges together.

Regina v Central Criminal Court. Ex parte Guney Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Steyn and

[Speeches May 9] Where a defendant on bail was present at a court hearing but was not officially required to surrender and was formally arraigned, the arraignment amounted to his surrender to the custody of the court. From that point on his further detention was solely within the discretion and power of the judge. Unless the judge granted him bail he remained in custody pending and during his trial.

Section 8 of the Criminal Justice Act 1987 expressly provided that a trial should begin with a preparatory hearing and that an arraign-ment should take place at the start of the preparatory hearing. Accordingly, there was no justifica-tion for applying a different rule to cases within that Act.

The judge could not deprive an arraignment of its legal effect. An agreement between the parties could not divest an arraignment of its effect on bail.

The House of Lords so held dismissing an appeal by the Serious Fraud Office, as an interested party and an effective respondent to the application for judicial review by Mr Ramadan Guney, from a majority decision dated February I, 1995, of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Sir Michael Mann, Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls dissenting) (The Times February 3, 1995; [1995] | WLR 576) whereby an appeal by Mr Guney from the decision dated January 26. 1994 of the Oucen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Mrs Justice Smith) (The Times February I. 1994; [1994] I WLR 438) was

The Divisional Court had refused Mr Guney's application for judicial review of a decision dated July 30, 1993 of the Central Criminal Court (Mr Justice Tucker) requiring Mr Guney, as a surety for the bail of Mr Azil Nachr Cyprus, to forfeit £650,000 of his recognisance in the sum of El

Regina v East Sussex Valua-

tion Tribunal, Ex parte

When a purchaser of a property

consisting of two separate dwell

ings converted them into a single

unit and applied for it to be valued

for the purposes of council tax

under the Local Government Fi-

nance Act 1992, that amounted to

the valuation of a new dwelling

and not the alteration of the list to

change two existing valuations

The statutory assumptions on

which valuations were made were

not rebuttable and applied regard-

less of the actual facts of individual

Mr Justice Carnwath so held in

the Queen's Bench Division when

dismissing an application by Mr

D. C. V. Silverstone for judicial

review of a decision on November

3. 1994 of the East Sussex Valua-

Mr Silverstone in person; Mr

tion Tribunal.

into a single valuation.

Before Mr Justice Carnwath

Silverstone

Judyment May 81

David Calvert-Smith and Mr Si-mon Browne-Wilkinson for the Serious Fraud Office; Mr Edmund Lawson, QC and Mr Russeli Houston for Mr Guney.

LORD STEYN said that on December 16, 1990 Mr Nadir was charged with a number of offences of theft and false accounting. On December 17 Bow Street Magistrates Court remanded him on

The conditions of his bail in cluded provisions that he had to deposit £2 million; that he had to provide five sureties in the sum of and sleep at a London address. The grant of bail was continuous

so long as the proceedings re-mained in the magistrates court and extended until Mr Nadir first surrendered to the custody of the On January 28, 1991 Mr Guney

signed a form of recognisance for sureties in criminal cases. The form stated that he acknowledged his obligation to pay the court El million if Mr Nadir failed to surrender to the custody of the court on April 23, 1991 at 2pm and custody at every time and place to which during the course of the proceedings the hearing might, from time to time, be adjourned and custody of the crown court on such day and at such time and place as might be notified to Mr Nadir by the appropriate officer of

on October 25. after Mr Nadir had been charged with further offences, Bow Street Magistrates Court wrote to Mr Guney to inquire as to his willingness to continue to act as surety. Or November I he confirmed his willingness to continue as surety. The proceedings against Mr Nadir were assigned to Mr Justice Tucker. On February 28, 1992, and at the Central Criminal Court, Mr Justice Tucker held a preliminary hearing. Mr Nadir and his advis-

The judge fixed June 22 as the date of the first preparatory hearing under section 7 of the 1987 Act. Mr Nadir was required to surrender to the custody of the court on

On June 22 the preparatory ecognisance in the sum of El hearing was held at Chichester Rents. That building had no cells.

Mr Robert Owen, QC. Mr It also had no custody area set

MR JUSTICE CARNWATH

said that Mr Silverstone had used

the wrong procedure. This was a

statutory appeal on a point of law under the Council Tax (Alteration

of Lists and Appeals) Regulations (SI 1993 No 290). However, it was

not necessary to rule him out on

Since it was a genuine oversight

by a litigant in person and there

was no prejudice to other parties the court would use its residual

jurisdiction under judicial review.

In March or April 1993 Mr

Silverstone had bought a property

at 24 Markwick Terrace, St Leon-

ards-on-Sea, consisting of two flats placed in Band C for purposes of

He planned to carry out exten-

a single dwelling. The work was

done by Mr Silverstone himself

living in the property although it was vacant for about three months

Mr Silverstone applied for an

alteration to the valuation so as to

after he bought it.

itial score

aside for persons surrendering to bail to report to an official or a particular office. The courtroom had no dock.

Mr Nadir, with his advisers. was present throughout the preparatory hearing. After some preliminary exchanges the judge said that the preparatory hearing would start. He asked Mr Nadir to stand up. The arraignment commenced. The counts in the indications with the counts in the indications of the counts in the indication of the counts in the indication of the counts in the indications of the counts in the indication of the counts in the indic ment were then put to him. He pleaded not guilty to them.

At no stage during the prepara-tory hearing was any reference made to Mr Nadir's bail. The fact that Mr Guney was not present to agree to any extension of his isance caused counsel for both sides to agree that it was unnecessary for Mr Nadir surrender to the custody of the court on that occasion. Both counsel bona fide believed that their agreement effectively kept Mr Guney's recognisance in force. The judge was not informed of that

Subsequently, further prepara-tory hearings were held. In April 1993 Mr Guney applied to withdraw his recognisance but abandoned the application before it was considered by the court. On May 4 Mr Nadir absconded and was a fugitive from justice ever since.

Mr Guney was called upon to show cause why he should not forfeit El million. The judge ruled that in view of the agreement between counsel that Mr Nadir should not surrender to his bail on June 22, 1992 he must be regarded as not having surrendered to bail on that occasion. The judge ordered that Mr Guney should forfeit £650,000 and that in default of payment within six months Mr Guney should serve two years imprisonment Mr Guney applied

r judicial review. It would be convenient to discuss the issues in the following order: I Whether there was a rule that a efendant in criminal proceedings. who was on bail and did not otherwise surrender to ball, did so by operation of law on his formal

2 If so, whether a different rule ained under the 1987 Act and 3 Whether any applicable rule could be varied by order of the judge or agreement between the parties or their counsel.

Following inspection by a listing

officer the property was placed in Band E, a higher band. Mr Silverstone appealed to the valua-

tion tribunal who also decided that

His Lordship said that there

the property be placed in Band E.

were for the purposes of valuation

certain assumptions under regula-tion 6 of the Council Tax (Situation

and Valuation of Dwellings) Regulations (SI 1992 No 550), for

example that the interest sold was

freehold, free from any encum-

brance and with vacant possession

and that the dwelling was in a

reasonable state of repair. It was an artificial exercise, the object

being to ensure that all properties

were valued on a reasonably

The assumptions prescribed were expressly made mandatory.

An assumption by definition was a

hypothesis which might be

adopted whether or not it was in

fact true. That was a familiar

The whole purpose would be lost

if it were open to individual owners

concept in valuation law.

Valuing property after conversion

The duty of a defendant who had

been granted bail by the mag-istrates was to surrender to the time and place and, depending on arrangements at various trial cen-tres, he might be required to report to a particular office or a particular official: DPP v Richards (1988) QB

What happened when the defendant, although present at the court hearing, was not officially required to surrender but was formally arraigned? Did he remain on bail after arraignment until the judge ordered otherwise?

The arraignment of a defendant involved calling him to the bur by name, reading the indictment to him and asking him whether he pleaded guilty or not. When a defendant, who had not previously according to custody was so surrendered to custody, was so arraigned he surrendered to the custody of the court. His further detention was solely

within the discretion and power of the judge. Thus, unless the judge granted bail, the defendant re-mained in custody pending and during his trial during his trial

Given the express provisions of section 8 of the 1987 Act, the trial began with a preparatory hearing and arraignment took place at the start of the hearing. There was no justification for applying a different rule to cases governed by the 1987 Act. There was nothing in the Act, or in its purposes, which in any way altered the legal effect on bail of an arraignment.

Given that arraignment op-

erated in law as a surrender to custody, the judge might not in law abdicate his responsibility in respect of the custody of the defen-dant. He could not deprive an arraignment of its legal effect. A fortiori the agreement of the pur-ties could not divest an arraignment of its effect on ball.

Whatever might mistakenly have been thought and done in the past, the rule was that where a defendant had not previously surrendered to custody his as a matter of law to a surrender by the defendant to the custody of the court.

Lord Goff, Lord Jauncey, Lord Slynn and Lord Hoffmann agreed. Solicitors: Serious Fraud Office: Kaim Touner, Islington.

fore on that point the tribunal's

decision was clearly correct and the application failed.

value of his property was reduced

by the demoition of some of the internal walls during the process of conversion and that therefore he

could claim a reduction in the

Hils Lordship said that that was

a misconception. Regulation 4 of the 1993 Regulations which dealt with alteration of valuation bands

applied to the dwellings which

were already in the valuation list.

The removal of two existing

dwellings and the inclusion of a

new dwelling constituted the inser-

tion of a new valuation band for

that dwelling whereas regulation 4 was concerned with demolition

works affecting the value of exist-

But even where the case was

made for alteration under regula-

tion 4 the value following demo-lition would have to be assessed

under the same statutory assump-

Hillmans,

ing dwellings.

Solicitors:

authority.

Mr Silverstone said that the

should be tried separately for any

Regina v Christou (George) Before Lord Goff of Chieveley. kinson. Lord Taylor of Gosforth and Lord Hope of Craighead [Speeches May 9]

Where an accused was charged with sexual offences against more than one person and the evidence of one complainant was not such as to be admissione on the transparent concerning the other complainants in accordance with the principle laid down in *Director of Public Prosecutions v P* ([1991] 2 AC 447) the trial judge had a discretion to order that all charges should be tried together, having regard to the provisions of the Indicaments Act provisions of the Indicaments Act 1915 and the Indicament Rules (SI 1971 No 1253 (L 31)).

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by George Christou against his conviction for indecent assaults on his two young total of three and a half years imprisonment following a trial where the counts concerning each complainant were tried together. The Court of Appeal dismissed

his appeal based on the contention inter alia, that the indictment should have been severed and the counts in respect of each com-plainant tried separately, but certified the point as of general public importance and the House of Lords gave leave to appeal. Rule 9 of the 1971 Rules provides: Charges for any offences may be

joined in the same indictment if those charges are founded on the same facts, or form or are part of a series of offences of the same or Section 5 of the 1915 Act provides: "(3) Where, before trial, or at any stage of a trial, the court is of opinion that a person accused may be prejudiced or embarrassed in his defence by reason of being

charged with more than one

offence in the same indicament, or

that for any other reason it is desirable to direct that the person

one or more offences charged in an indictment, the court may order a separate trial of any count or unts of such indictment."

Mr Brian Higgs, QC and Mr Christopher Drew for the appellant: Mr Anthony Scrivenor, QC and Ms Jane Sullivan for the

LORD TAYLOR said that there could be no dispute that the counts in the present case relating to both alleged victims fell squarely within the scope of rule 9. They were therefore property joined in one indictment. It was also accepted that section 5(3) of the Act gave the court a discretion as to whether or not counts on the same indictmen should be separately tried.

However, Mr Higgs argued that

cases of sexual abuse of children where the evidence of one child was not admissible in support of allegations by another child, the judge's discretion should always be exercised in favour of severing the counts relating to those

Since R v Cannan ((1990) 92 Cr App R 16) had not been overruled and the point now at issue had not used by Lord Mackay of Clashlern. Lord Chancellor (at p463A) on which Mr Higgs sought o rely had to be regarded as obiter.

The proper approach to the question of severance was that stated by Lord Lane. Lord Chief Justice. in Cannan (at p23): "... the Indictment Act 1915 gives the judge a discretion, and ... that is not a matter with which this court will interfere, unless it is shown that the judge has failed to enercise his discretion upon the usual and proper principles, namely, taking into account all things he should. and not taking into account anything which he should not."
His Lordship's reasons were as

follows: the statutory provisions undoubtedly gave the trial judge a discretion. To hold that he had to

a particular way would be to fetter

in what cases would the letter apply? To all sexual offences? Or only to sexual abuse of children? If so, children of what age? Would such a fetter apply only where children were giving evidence or equally, as here, where mature adults were giving evidence of abuse during their childhood? No satisfactory answer of general application could be given to such

It was clear that no such fetter existed in the law of Scotland. Although corroboration of a sexual complaint was required by Scots law, counts might be and were tried jointly even where the evidence on one was not corroborative of the evidence on another. Looking specifically at sexual abuse of children, cases could vary

greatly. A defendant might be indicted for discrete incidents of sexual abuse of different children in different places at different times, so that the allegations in respect of each count were in water-tight compartments". By contrast when, as here, the allegation was of a continuous

course of conduct within one household involving two or more children over the same period and in similar circumstances, joint trial of all the counts might well be appropriate, Indeed, in such cases the principles laid down in DPP v P would often render the evidence of one child admissible to support the evidence of the other.

Lord Lane in the quoted passage refrained from specifying the facors a judge should consider when taking into account all things he should. They would vary from case to case but the essential criterion was the achievement of a fair resolution of the issuer. That required fairness to the accused also to the prosecution and those involved in it.

Some but by no means an exhaustive list of the factors which

the facts giving rise to the counts: trials on the defendant and his family, on the victims and their families and on press publicity; and, importantly, whether directions the judge could give to the jury would suffice to secure a fair trial if the counts were tried

Approaching the question of approaching the question of pudges would often consider it right to order separate trials. But his Lordship rejected the argument that either generally or in respect of any class of case the judge had to so order.

LORD HOPE, concurring, said that he wished to add a few words concerning the position in Scotland where the test to be applied was whether there was a risk of real prejudice to the accused if all the charges were to proceed together under the same indictment. There was no letter on the way in which that discretion was to be exercised. The principle to which Lord Lane made reference in Cunnan (at p23) applied.

A material risk of real prejudice to the accused was not thought to arise merely because the charges related to different kinds of crime committed at different times in different places and under dife

Experience showed that under proper directions juries were well to consider each charge in an indictment separately. Their ver-dicts demonstrated time and time again that they had done so.

In practice motions for separa-tion of charges were granted only in very clear cases where fairness to accused made it necessary. Lord Griffiths delivered a

concurring speech and Lord Goff agreed.

Solicitors: Bernard Oberman & Co: Crown Prosecution Service,

Recalling patient to same hospital His Lordship contrasted that A warrant under section 42(3)

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department and Another, Ex parte D

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Mas-ter of the Rolls. Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Ward [Judgment April 24]

A warrant of recall issued under section 42(3) of the Mental Health Act 1983 authorised not only a national's compulsory readmission and detention in hospital but also reinstatement of the stringent reime of control provided by section

Where, therefore, a patient, subject to orders made under sections 77 and 41, had been conditionally ischarged but readmitted to hospital under section 3 of the 1983 Act, the secretary of state was entitled to issue a warrant recalling him to the hospital where he was already a patient as a result of his readmission.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by D from Mr Justice Hidden (The Times April 1) who had refused his application for an order of habeas corpus directed to the Secretary of State for the Home Department Eastbourne and County Health Care NHS Trust and made on the ground that the warrant of recall had been issued without

In 1985 D had been found not guilty of murder by reason of insanity. He was detained under section 5(1)(a) of the Criminal Procedure (Insanity) Act 1964 and orders were made under sections 37 and 4t of the Mental Health Act

In March 1994 he had been conditionally discharged from the Ashen Hill Unit of Heilingly lospital, Hailsham. under an order of a mental health review tribunal but, on becoming ill in January 1995, he was re admitted under section 3 of the Act.

In May, the secretary of state issued a warrant for his recall to the Ashen Hill Unit where he was already detained under section 3. In July the six-month detention authorised by the section 3 admission ended and the period was not renewed under that section. authority to detain D thereafte

resting on the warrant.

In November the review tribunal to which the secretary of state had referred his case on recall recommended his continued deten-

Mr Kris Gledhill for D; Mr Christopher Katkowski for the secretary of state: Mr Roger Mc-Carthy, QC. for the health care

THE MASTER OF THE statutory intent that where the conditions were satisfied for making a section 37 order and the mstances justified a restriction order under section 41 a patient became subject to a more stringent form of control, subject to of state and ultimately a mental health review tribunal in the interests of the general public.

the Act which dealt with civil or non-criminal admissions, prorided for the admission of a patient for a maximum period of six months in the first instance; that period might be renewed, but in the absence of any renewal au-thority for the admission lapsed. Mr Gledhill had submitted that

call" was "to bring someone back", and that someone could not be brought back to a place where he already was. Accordingly, he had argued that if a catient was in hospital at the time the secretary of state wished to issue a warrant of recall he could not do so, since he lacked jurisdiction.

missions. He agreed that the most obvious meaning of "recall" was to authorise the bringing back of someone to where he once was, but his Lordship could not accept that Parliament could ever have intended the provisions to have the limited and narrow effect for which Mr Gledhill had contended. was a form of legal authority. It

secretary of state authorising the recall so that he could resume the restrictive powers which he sought to exercise over that nation! call" had to be understood as authorising not only the physical recall, but also the reinstatement of

a section 3 admission were to deny the secretary of state powers which he might well wish to exercise pursuant to section 41. It would be osurd if he could only exercise those powers if the patient were hospital in order that the warrant could be properly issued.

justify his recall to any hospital other than that hospital, not least because if he were recalled to any other hospital he could then be it had to be interred that

Parliament would not have wished to countenance those various His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

Solicitors: Steel & Shamash: Treasury Solicitor; Donne Mileham & Haddock, Brighton.

Stephen Hall-Jones for the have the whole property valued as No benefit payable for child in voluntary care

uniform basis.

McLavey v Secretary of State for Social Security and Another

Before Lord Justice Staughton. Lord Justice Aldous and Lord Justice Douglas Brown |Judgment April 30| A child who was voluntarily placed

in local authority accommodation was "in the care of a local authority" for the purposes of paragraph l(c) of Schedule 9 to the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992.

Therefore, his mother could not receive child benefit in respect of him by virtue of regulation 16(5)(f) of the Child Benefit (General) Regulations (SI 1976 No 965), as amended by regulation 3 of the Child Benefit (General) Amend-ment Regulations (SI 1991 No

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by Frances Mary McLavey against the de-cision of Mr A. W. E. Wheeler, a social security commissioner, on September 12, 1994 to uphold a decision of the social security

appeal tribunal that she had been overpaid £132.60 child benefit in respect of one of her sons and was

for the secretary of state and the Chief Adjudication Officer.

not entitled to child benefit in respect of another son. Mr Richard Drabble, QC, for the appellant: Mr J. R. McManus

LORD STAUGHTON said that two of the appellant's sons had been placed in local authority accommodation under section 20 of the Children

tions and Benefits Act 1992 provided by paragraph I(c) of Schedule 9 that no person was entitled to child benefit in respect

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stance was where a child was provided with accommodation by a local authority under section 20

The Social Security Contribu-

of a child "in the care of a local authority" in certain prescribed

Regulation 16(5)(f) of the 1976

The appellant argued that regulation 16(5)(f) was outside the powers of the secretary of state because paragraph I(c) in Schedule 9 to the 1992 Act must refer to the making of a care order under the 1989 Act and not to a child being taken into local authority accommodation under the procedure which used to be known as voluntary care.

Regulation 16(5) was originally made under the Child Benefit Act 1975. The concept of care at that time was rather different. There were two kinds of care: a care order pursuant to an order of the magistrates' court, and voluntary care, when a child was placed in local authority accommodation.

When the 1989 Act was enacted those two kinds of care still survived in substance but only one. a care order under section 31, was described by section 105, the interpretation section, as providing for a child to be in the care of the local

authority. If the expression "a child in the care of a local authority" in

1992 Act was regulated by the interpretation section in the 1989 Act then neither of the appellant's sons was in the care of the local

It seemed to his Lordship that where a child was in local au-thority accommodation within section 20 of the 1989 Acr the local authority had, in the ordinary meaning of language, a duty to care for the child and the child was in local authority care. However, such a child was not, within the meaning of the 1989 Act, in the care of a local authority.

The change brought about by the 1989 Act might have arisen by reason of the new concept of parental responsibility: Par-liament was drawing a distinction between children who by order of the court were cared for by the local authority and those who remained in the parental responsibility of some other person but were being provided with accommndation by, and were in the de facto care of, the local authority.

Two questions had to be asked: 1 When Parliament enacted the 1989 Act did it intend to do more than create that distinction for the purposes of the 1989 Act, and to alter the meaning of the 1975 Act as it then was. If so regulation 10(5)(i) was outside the powers of the secretary of state.

2 If not, did Parliament alter the law on child benefit when it enacted the 1992 Acr? That was a consolidating Act and the presumption was that it was not ntended to change the law.

His Lordship's said Parliament had not intended either of those things. The 1989 Act was con-cerned with the law about children, it was not concerned with the distribution of money provided by Parliament for social security purposes. Therefore, what was the present meaning of the words "in the care of a local authority" in paragraph I(c) of Schedule 9 to the 1902 Act? In his Lordship's judgment, those words did not refer to the meaning of being in care as defined in section 105 of the 1989

There meanings.
I The meaning under the 1975 Act which referred to the two kinds of care that then existed: a care order pursuant to an order of the magistrates' court and voluntary care of 2 The ordinary and natural mean-

ing of care: when, by whatever route, a child was being cared for by the local authority, the child was in the care of the local authority.
Either of those meanings was

capable of resulting from the legislation and it was not necregistration and it was not necessary in the present case to decide between them. If it were, his Lordship would incline to the second meaning, the words should be given their ordinary and natu-ral meaning.

al meaning.

Accordingly, the social security

missioner's decision was right. Lord Justice Aldous and Lord Justice Douglas Brown agreed. Solicitors: Tyndallwoods, Birmingham: Solicitor, Depart-ment of Social Security.

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David Pannick, QC and Mr Mark

Shaw appeared for the Home

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regime with that of ordinary patients admitted under section . of the Act where a measure of control was exercised, not by the secretary of state, but by the responsible medical officer and the ospital managers. Section 3, appearing in Part II of

the natural understanding of "re-

As a fallback position Gledhill had suggested that if the patient was in a particular hospital, he could not be recalled to that hospital, but could be to any other hospital. His Lordship rejected those sub-

authorised the compulsory redetention. It also authorised, inevitably, the reinstatement of the regime of control under section 41. That was the purpose of the

It would be absurd if the effect of

It would be absurd if the fact that he was in one hospital would

transferred to that hospital.

Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Ward agreed.

Regulations, as amended, provided that one prescribed circum-

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OPERA 1

Should English National Opera dump the Coliseum and move to a purpose-built new theatre?



OPERA 2

Mozart with warts on: Music Theatre London revives its street-wise staging of Don Giovanni





MUSIC I

Evgeny Kissin displays his magnificent piano technique to a packed Festival Hall



MUSIC 2

If music be the love of food ... the percussionist **Evelyn Glennie** unveils her new "kitchen" piece

English National Opera may be about to abandon one of London's greatest theatres. Richard Morrison reports

Final curtain for opera at the Coliseum?

The plank sways as we walk along it. Only slightly, Just enough to freeze the blood. Don't look down," shouts the cheery Ted Murphy, English National Opera's head of technical services. Naturally I look down. The stagehands below, striking the Fidelio set, seem very small. So does the single guide wire separating me from the big drop. "Built this bridge myself," says Murphy, reassuringly. "It's the only

way over the stage."

Murphy's bridge hangs just under the London Coliseum's massive grid: the network of steel bars that bears the load of every set necessary for ENO's current repertoire. At that moment the vast platform which is a central feature of Fidelio is being winched towards us. "Weighs nine tons, that thing," says Murphy, "We call it The Monster."

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Most modern opera houses have side-stages on which sets can be stored and then moved painlessly into position on pneumatic wagons. But the Coliseum is not a modern opera house. It is an Edwardian variety hall, one of Frank Matcham's finest, but never intended for "if it's Tuesday it must be Tosca" purposes. There are no side-stages. In truth, there is not enough space anywhere, even under the grid. The Coliseum measures 21 metres from floor to grid, says Murphy with a sigh. The Bolshoi in Moscow is 34 metres, while Chicago's Lyric Theatre boasts an all-Ameri-

where else to put its sets except suspended from the grid. So up goes the Fidelia Monster, hanging on cables while, di-rectly below, the company performs three other operas in nightly sequence. All their sets will also be "flown" from the grid. And this laborious changeover of gigantic sets happens 650 times a year. So, I suggest nervously, this

6 You could spend £60m and not solve the problem ?

grid must be really solid. modern engineering? "Built in 1904, like the building," says Murphy. "But don't worry, it's fine ... considering its age. The only problem is when snow. Then we have to call in a structural engineer to make sure the roof can support the

I make a mental note: never go backstage at the Coliseum in January. But by now we have reached a series of ropes. coded according to the stage set that they raise or lower. Virtually nothing at the Coliseum is done by machinery. Murphy has 28 people working in shifts, seven days a week, to prepare the stage for

the next rehearsal or perfor mance. The stage crew work a basic 54 hours a week for £24,000; but then comes overtime. "Most end up doing an 80-hour week." Murphy says.

He indicates one rope. "That's Tosco. Try pulling it." I do. The rope won't budge, "Perhaps the brake is still on." I suggest feebly. Murphy grins. That's the test I give to people who come for job interviews," he says. "You've just failed.

What am I doing here, in this antiquated, terrifying world of ropes and counterweights and nine-ton Monsters? In fact, I am trying to answer another set of questions. Should ENO dump the Coliseum? Should it leave behind this much-loved but hopelessly impractical old theatre, and build itself a spanking new opera house, with all the side-stages and hydraulic lifts that Ted Murphy's heart could desire? Four years ago, the question

would have been unthinkable. That was when the Government, with help from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts, bought the Coliseum from Stoll Moss Theatres and presented it to ENO: a home for ever, or so it seemed. But it soon became apparent that the Coliseum would not last for ever without much structural improvement. Its foyers and bars are tiny; its space for catering and corporate entertaining laughable: its rehearsal rooms non-existent: its airconditioning Victorian; its



In the 1980s, such problems would have produced "patch up and hope" remedies. But the arrival of the National Lottery persuaded the ENO board to seek a long-term solution. They commissioned a study to evaluate the options

for ENO and the Coliseum. That study will be completed in the summer. But two alternative scenarios are already apparent. The first is for the Coliseum to be subjected to a major redevelopment, costing up to \$60 million. For that tidy sum, the front of house could be made much more attractive, and backstage facilities brought into line with EU health and safety standards.

"But what you couldn't do." says Dennis Marks, ENO's

general director, "is run the theatre as most modern opera houses do, so that while you were performing one show you could be building or rehearsing the next one." The Coliseum backstage simply cannot be expanded: the site is landlocked. Ted Murphy's squads of 80-hours-a-week musclemen would go on shifting sets by hand till kingdom come. And £60 million would have been spent without solv-

ing the main problem. Which brings us to the second option. ENO would leave the Coliseum for ever; there would be no shortage of buyers for the old place, since it would ideally house a longrunning musical. Meanwhile, ENO would seek lottery

money to build a new opera house of 2,000 seats, with a smaller adjacent theatre seating 800. "We need to deliver 200 opera nights a year," says Marks. "But we don't need to deliver all of them in a 2,000seat auditorium. Mozart, Monteverdi, some 20th-century work: this could be done in a smaller space." Whichever theatre was not in use for opera could then be used by visiting dance companies.

That's the theory, anyway. Marks says that within Zone 1 of the London Underground system" there are no fewer than 50 potential sites for such a well-equipped twintheatre complex. That seems a suspiciously high figure. But what might worry people even more, I suggest, is whether London has the audience to support a new opera-cumballet house for ENO and the redeveloped Covent Garden. The Arts Council's recent Stevenson report suggested that it

Marks bristles. "The Stevenson report was based on figures produced at the depth the recession," he says. "Without any doubt whatsoever we know that there is an audience for both houses."

So this is ENO's stark choice. Marks will not publicly favour one option over the other until the study is finished. Even then, the decision will be tough. For all its faults. the Coliseum is adored by audiences and, more surprisingly, by those who work there. Like some veteran chorus-girl, it looks like a wreck by day, yet still puts on a hell of a show each night.

The ENO staff that I met seemed to have no great enthusiasm for a move to new premises. But there was an acknowledgement that such a move might be the only sane way forward. ENO's technical director, Laurence Holderness, summed up the general feeling. "At the Coliseum it's a logistical nightmare on the stage, every day. But for 1904 this was a fabulous building. and it still is. If we do build a new theatre. I hope we also have the vision to build one that will last for a hundred

RECITALS: Mixed fortunes for strong characters in a tale of two virtuosos

A star for all seasons

Evgeny Kissin Festival Hall

IT IS audiences who turn musicians into performing an-imals, and only the noblest artist dare resist. Evgeny Kissin responded to the bawling, braying and wild whis-tling at the end of his sold-out Festival Hall recital by giving them what they wanted: We-ber's whirligig of a Perpetuum mobile, and two extravagant transcriptions, Liszt's of Schu-mann's song Fruhlingsnacht and Tausig's of Schubert's Marche militaire.

At 25, Kissin has at least 23 performing years' experience of obsessive adoration, and knows pretty well how to handle it. And, apart from being the inevitable concert-ofthe-disc (complete with signing session afterwards), this recital was something more besides. From first note to last the programme had a satisfying intellectual and musical

At its heart lay the experience of one composer's re-

sponse to another, refracted through the glass of a third. recreating, spirit. First came Busoni's transcription of Bach's great Chaconne. Kissin answered its extreme contrasts of dynamic and tempo with a highly strung flam-boyance of his own.

Kissin's energy and impetu-osity carried over into Schumann's Fantasie in C; drawing back, from time to time, from its many shapes of fancy to reveal the simple eloquence of song. Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata was seductively simple, its oscillating rhythms a mere ripple of a breeze on the surface of mov-

ing water. Liszt, that transcriber supreme, provided the grandest of finales. His Transcendental Studies, inspired by Paganini's writing for the violin, best live up to their name when they transcend virtuosity itself. In Kissin's hands they did. In the Harmonies du soir one was only incidentally aware of the technical prowess of the writing; in Feux follets the will-o'-the-wisps seemed to move with a will of their own as the fingers barely touched

the keys. Weber's hunting horns rang out of the C minor Wilde Jagd study, heralding the exuberant patterning of cross-references in a triptych of encores Kissin clearly enjoyed as much as his audience.

Done to a turn

Evelyn Glennie Queen Elizabeth Hall

IS A woman's place in the kitchen or up on the stage? If you are Evelyn Glennie the question is otiose: you can be in both places at once. My Dream Kitchen is a piece cooked up for Glennie by jazzman Django Bates, which exploits the percussive potential of kitchen utensils. "Ev's Cafe" is set up on the stage, the proprietress wearing a chef's hat, with a row of pots and pans suspended, crying out to be struck. It is a nice idea, and the comic touches are neatly executed by Glennie, though this is hardly Bates at his brilliant best.

Glennie's current tour. Striking Ahead, offers an entire programme by living composers. How many other artists could fill the QEH with contemporary music alone? The downside is that many of clearly enjoyed as the pieces are not terribly good. The most interesting, and certainly the most enigmatically titled, is Kevin

Volans's She Who Sleeps With a Small Blanket. This also features the marimba. placed centre stage, towards which the work progresses -literally, since the performer leaves her bongos and congas behind, to play out on it the last poignant scene of an imagined drama.

Javier Alvarez's Temazcal also ended with an imaginative twist, when the maracas (tediously deployed up to then) turned into a Latin American backing rhythm for a tune emerging evocatively on tape. Glennie took the vocals in an arrangement of Born to be Wild. backing herself - with supreme virtuosity, as ever on marimba, frog-mouth cowbells and home-made cym-

For John Psathas's undistin-guished Rhythm Spike. Glennie turned to the piano: a brave move but of doubtful wisdom. The nadir of this "acr" was reached in an embarrassing pantomime pre-ceding the first encore.

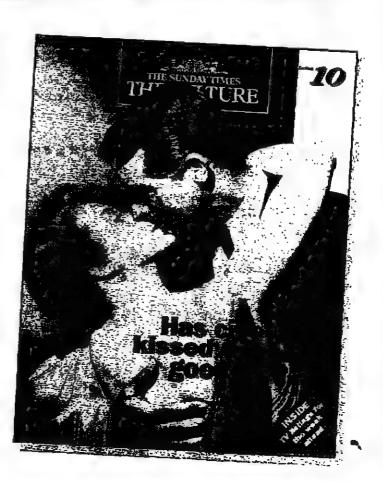
But all was forgiven in the heart-stopping rendering of the Londonderry Air that fol-lowed. Coaxing the melliflu-ous tone of the marimba from the void, and returning it thence, this performance, hovering on the border between sound and silence, provided a moving commentary on the whole Glennie phenomenon.

> Barry MILLINGTON

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THE LOST ART OF THE SCREEN KISS

John Barrymore managed 127 kisses in Don Juan, while Clark Gable worked his way through an entire alphabet of actresses. But, with the controversial film Kids released this week, kissing is no longer enough. in The Culture this Sunday, Tom Shone asks whatever happened to screen romance?



Happy return to louche pastures

EVEN the new has to grow old, but Tony Britten's and Nicholas Broadhurst's Music Theatre London is doing so gracefully. It is six years since they burst upon us with their aggressively demotic. not to say scatalogical version of Mozart's opera - Giovanni a city broker with conquests as far away as Market Har-borough, Zerlina a Basildon bimbo with a taste for creme de menthe. Ottavio a prat

Time has caught up with it: disco dancing and Elvira with a street map are now mainstream Mozart, thanks to with a cricket bat. Deborah Warner, and the Peter Sellars Spanish Harlem version has been televised, its abuse of McDonald's french fries matching Broadhurst's Chinese
lakeaway, both of them dainty dishes to set before a Commendatore, And today's "authentic" tempos make some of

OPERA .

Don Giovanni Drill Hall

little miracle of wit that Mozart himself would relish - and stands up well to revival. There are, of course, changes: Leporello's catalogue is now digitally stored, and there is more substance-abuse than before, a new Princess of Wales joke, and a rethink of Giovanni's hoxer shorts that makes the denouement less hilarious

than it was in 1990. Perhaps for reasons of political correctness - we are, after all, in the Drill Hall - Zerlina (Justine Koos) is less of a scrubber, and Onavio less of a prat, But it was always the strongest of the MTL shows — Britten's new overture is a

Boon seriousness, and not even Mozart can quite bridge the gap between dramma and giocoso, a gap otherwise cannily spanned by Broadhurst's

But there is no point in getting too solemn: this remains a very funny show on its own terms. Darryl Knock's lightly Welsh, terrier-tenacious Leporello has boundless charm and hangdog humour, Andrew C. Wadsworth's deadpan, fisheyed Giovanni is eminently hissable, and the Swedish soprano Sara Jungberg sings Anna's big numbers more confidently than some I have heard in mainstream houses. Peter Prentice managed Ottavio's Il mio tesoro so smoothly that the sending-up seemed more than ever unjust. Britten's little band of five, with himself at keyboards, worked extremely hard and Wednesday's audience enjoyed itself hugely. So did I.

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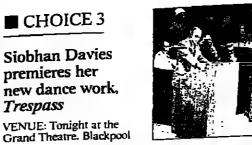
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Defence of the devil's generals

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Nuremberg Tricycle

The 20th century will be regarded by posterity with horror "unless its second half redeems its first". So declared Robert Jackson, America's chief prosecutor at Nuremberg in 1946: and it is, meet his challenge which justifies staging extracts from the trials 50 years later. These have been edited by Richard Norton-Taylor, the man responsible for the same theatre's regurgitation of bits of the Scott inquiry. that made a modestly illuminating evening; but you have only to think of events in Bosnia, Rwanda, Iraq and a score of other places to realise that Nuremberg is more important by an astral plane or so. The defendants brought onto the

witness stand of a remarkably comolete courtroom are carefully chosen. Michael Cochrane's sleek Goering insolently justifies violence as a necessary means to the end of German prosperity, in the process dismissing the Holocaust as a sordid little exaggeration beneath his notice. William Hoyland's Keitel is the old soldier clinging with decreasing self-belief to his faith that loyalty is all.

Thomas Wheatley's Commandant Hoess describes the dying processes in Auschwitz in blunt, emotionless machine-speak. Jeremy Clyde's flaccid Rosenberg is the one who tries to give evil a metaphysical justification and cultural meaning, citing Goethe and Carlyle and pedantically distinguishing be-tween "exterminating Jewry" and murdering Jews.

Those justifying evil include Goering. Hoess and Spering in a play that reminds us of individual responsibility

And, disingenuously or not, Michael Culver's Speer talks of recognising too late the awful dangers of totalitarian rule. Arrogant Machiavellian, devil's general, impersonal functionary, crazed philosopher, vaciliating disciple: today each is playing his part in stories all too likely to end in the tale of naked families clambering into deathpits movingly told by Richard Heffer's Hartley Shawcross.

What's the point of Nicholas Kent's production, marvellously meticulous though it is? After all, Saddam is not going to stop gassing Kurds because a play in Kilburn suggests he might one day be arraigned in The Hague. Well, at least the evening will remind a few of us that a War Crimes Tribunal does exist and that, however notionally, international values have shifted. Individuals are to be held responsible for actions performed in the name of a state or a leader, and they may be made accountable for them. Nuremberg established this where it matters most: in people's minds.

The Tricycle is also staging three "prologues": one-acters respectively involving crimes in Haiti, Rwanda and

Bosnia. These are uneven; but Keith Reddin's Haiti, about an American major court-martialled for freeing some notably ungrateful political prisoners, and Goran Stefanovski's Ex-Yu. in which a bereaved woman confronts a murderous patriot and an unlovable political dropout, both earn their keep. Each shows how much the liberal, the moderate, the ordinary person still needs the back-up of the principles agreed at Nuremberg half a century

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

CIRCUS

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Chinese State Circus Preston Park, Brighton

Te do not need more motorways. The Chinese State Circus, rolling into town for the Brighton Festival, has a niftier solution. While crowds of Bank Holiday Brits were jammed solid in their cars along the seafront, in the Big Top on Preston Park, 14 young ladies were whizzing round at a fair old lick and miles more economically, Stacked four high, fanning out like a peacock's tail, the whole bunch was serenely sharing one pushbike.

This is the new troupe's first trip abroad. They will tour the country then bowl along to the Edinburgh Festival. Their acrobatics are genuinely thrilling, at once technically flabbergasting and almost uncomfortably alarming. The young men line up neatly, then sprint towards each other on an apparent collision course. They bounce

and dive, somersaulting through small bamboo hoops. Chinese lions - or were they monstrous pekinese puppies with gold faces, batting eyelids and shaggy peits play leapfrog and cavort on top of rolling balls. Jugglers lying on their backs spin tables on their toes and toss each other huge vases like a mad removals firm.

A contortionist, at once curiously graceful and fractionally grotesque, quietly turns herself into a human Utube then a complete circle with a curl that makes scorpions look positively arthritic. Balancing candelabras on her soles and paims, she rolls from her back to her front then finishes off. rotating slowly, upside down, on a small revolving spindle which she grips between her teeth. The only thing dropping to the floor at this point was

The show could be shorter. Phenomenal they may be, but human pyramids have their limits. The interludes' clown routines, including silly masters flogging stone-dead mules, tended to fall flat. This troupe's strength is not comic acting or particularly establishing a rapport with the audience. Some of the outfits can be too sequined. A few spinning plates bit the dust. But the live orchestra, with folk pipes and climactic warpy cymbals and wood blocks, are a delight. The gymnastics are breath-

KATE BASSETT | most recent hit was Rooster, by the

DANCE

With folk appeal

Rambert Dance Company Wyvern, Swindon

hristopher Bruce created Moonshine for the senior citizens of dance (or 40 plus-year-olds) who make up NDT3, the sister company of Netherlands Dance Theatre. Three years later his own younger dancers in Rambert Dance Company now take to it with alacrity. To whom, though, will Moonshine appeal as it tours round the country? It is set to early songs by Bob Dylan, which is fine by me, but does mark me out as middle-aged. I hope younger spectators like it.

But then I am doubly biased, since I also love everything Bruce does. I like the way strands of folk dance appear in some of his pieces, as they do here, and I agree with him that folk dance has a direct channel to the human heart. Moonshine belongs to a long line of Bruce pieces set to songs, of which his

Rolling Stones. Moonshine does not seem likely to achieve the same popularity but at Swindon it made an attractive opener, with Robert Cohan's beautiful Stabat Mater the substantial centre of the triple bill.

Walter Nobbe's backdrop seems to extend the stage into a rocky canyon that fits the disaster-prone story of Dylan's Talkin' Bear Mountain Picnic Massacre Blues; or it suggests a perspective between awesome American skyscrapers that match the lyrics of Man on the Street. The four dancers carry suiteases: perhaps they are the dispossessed who so often feature in Dylan's songs. Steven Brett's gestures echo the first-person account of Dylan's Moonshine; Didy Veldman balances on her suitcase and draws sweeping curves to No More Auction Block, ending in a hangman's noose -a conclusion so shocking that the stunned audience hesitated to clap.

Didy Veldman's Kol Simcha (Voice of Celebration), which closed the programme, also has a folkloric connection, being set to Adam Gorb's rewriting of Klezmer pieces, the old festive music of East European Jews. Veldman's rag-bag of individuals dance in fits and starts and never make much impact, however. The focus rests with the musicians who share the stage and intrigue the ear with Gorb's dense astringencies.

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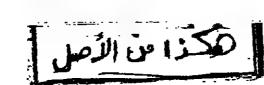
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NEW ALBUMS: The title of Elvis Costello's LP describes George Michael's, says David Sinclair

Wake him up before he goes off

GEORGE MICHAEL

(AEgean/Virgin 8 41392) THE most surprising sequence in the soft-porn promo video that accompanies George Michael's No I single, Fastlove, is the moment when he finally gets out of his chair and starts dancing. Never mind that he is immediately drenched in a shower of water, it is more of a jolt just to see him up and moving again.

For, with his latest configuration of facial hair lending a Mephistopholean cast to his features, the sombre and sedentary presence of Michael in 1996 is far removed from that of the fun-loving young pup who once regaled us with Wham! Rap and Wake Me Up Before You Go Go.

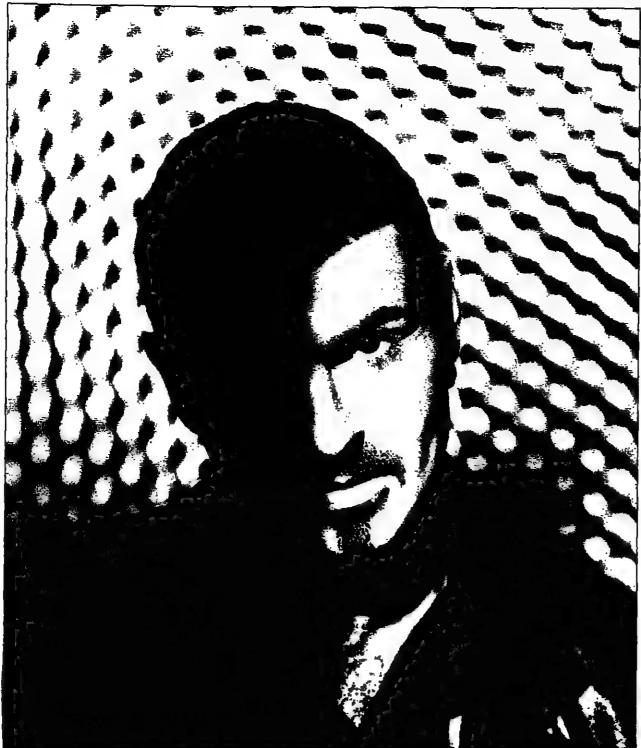
One always suspected that his first album since suffering such a resounding court-room defeat at the hands of his old record company would not be an especially buoyant affair. And, if nothing else, Michael has proved that he is a man who can afford to move at his own pace. But he has evolved into a performer of such eerily sophisticated poise that it is difficult to detect a heartbeat on Older.

Heavily weighted in favour of slow, breathy ballads in the mould of Jesus to a Child, the single before Fastlove, the album sits in the room like an expensive perfume. To Be Forgiven drifts from the speakers like a warm tropical breeze, while during The Strangest Thing, in which a lone hi-hat fights a losing battle to lift the tempo. Michael sounds like a man struggling to wake up from a dream as he sings lines such as "Take my hand, lead me to some peaceful land".

Injecting a somewhat tougher tone into his voice on Star People, he expresses distaste for pop stars who whine about now natu the world ha been on them, while curiously insisting "I do not count myself among you". The smoochy, jazz-inflected sounds of muted trumpet, flugelhorn and saxophone lend colour to the similarly subdued arrangements of Spinning the Wheel and the title track, an earnest rumination on the process of growing up and out

of a relationship.

While admiring the exquisite craft of Older, you soon long for something a little louder or, at least, more spontaneous to balance all this



"In his quest for perfection, George Michael has ended up in a fantastically stylish limbo" with his new album, Older

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ELVIS COSTELLO & THE ATTRACTIONS All This Useless Beauty (Warners Bros 9362-46198) THE arrival of a new Elvis

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"Probably best to start by nipping down to the shops right now." **** 2

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tion of cover versions, Kojak Variety, there are signs of a quiet renaissance in progress

on All This Useless Beauty. Old-fashioned references to typewriters and the hole in the ozone layer date him as surely as his over-styllsed vibrato. which sends his voice wob-

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obsessively honed elegance. In it used to be. But, after last bling around the slow ballad his quest for perfection, Michyear's poorly received collec-Alone? like a jelly left on top of

a washing machine. But Costello's enduring artistry shines through on the clattery, neo-spiritual chant of Shallow Grave, co-written with Paul McCartney, and a revamped version of You Bowed Down, the Byrds-fla-

voured song he wrote for Roger McGuinn's album.

Back From Rio. The Anractions rev up on Complicated Shadows, but tend more often to maintain a discreet supporting presence. as on Poor Fractured Atlas. where planist Steve Nieve assists in the lifting of a rather obvious line from Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata. While hardly a revelation, it is an album which ought to arrest

THE TONY RICH PROJECT

Words (LaFace/Arista 73008 26022) TONY RICH is the latest star to emerge from Atlanta, Georgia, a city which is currently such a hotbed of black musical talent that it is being talked up as the Motown of the 1990s. A producer, singer, composer and multi-instrumentalist and still only 23 - Rich projects a much more gentle and thoughtful persona than the macho rap artists and preening soul men of the R. Kelly generation.

His music has a similarly smooth veneer, as evidenced by his first hit single Nobody Knows, a delicate, slow-paced song that is typical of the album as a whole.

But there are dark undercurrents and a wiry strength to numbers such as Ghost and Under Her Spell that belie the surface sheen. "Ain't no fairy in these tales/It's all about taking what you want and making bail," he warns in Grass is Green, one of several lyrics that read like a strangewarped morality tale. This how George Michael might sound if he still lived in the real world.

DEF LEPPARD Slang (Bludgeon Riffola/

Mercury 532 486) NOW on to their eighth album (it seems like more). Def Leppard have attempted to throw off some of the more limiting aspects of their tighttrousered, soft-rock formula

and get a little adventurous. The result is a less slickly produced and surprisingly alert album which touches base with rap-pop on the title musical flavours — à la Jimmy Page & Robert Plant - on

Turn to Dust. While generally sounding more in tune with the spirit of post-grunge rock than with the vacuous posturing of the 1980s poodle bands, the group's roots show through on the big. traditional ballads All I Want is Everything and Breathe a Sigh, a reminder that, for all the "experimentation", their peers remain Bon Jovi and Bryan Adams, not the youngish turks of the Pearl Jam generation.

Axeman slays crowd in NW1

AT FIRST glance, the unlikely transformation of Ocean Colour Scene from baggy-era also-rans into flavour of the moment looks like a story of success achieved on the coattails of others. Guitarist Steve Cradock and bass player Damon Minchela both play in Paul Weller's band and OCS have enjoyed the enthusiastic patronage of Noel Gallagher, who secured them slots supporting Oasis as long ago as 1994 and as recently as last

True to form, Gallagher and his brother Liam, freshly shaved and ostentatiously reunited with Patsy Kensit, were there to cheer on the lads in the final date of OCS's marathon British tour. But any suggestion that the four-piece band might not fully merit attention in their own right was instantly rebutted the moment they set off with the clipped, romping riff of You've Got It Bad.

For one thing, OCS demon-strated a level of skill that is streets ahead of their Britpop contemporaries. With the fast, flexible rhythm section of Minchela and drummer Oscar Harrison to rely on, Cradock demonstrated why he is the nearest thing to a guitar hero in modern British Combining neatly sketched rhythms and riffs with taut solos and expertly controlled feedback, he covered a huge amount of territory with the minimum of fuss, most notably on the band's pièce de résistance, The

Riverboat Song. Simon Fowler, whose throaty voice sounded stretched to the limit at times, nevertheless made an equally convincing job of carrying the band's many wonderful runes,

Ocean Colour Scene Electric Ballroom

including the Beatles-influ-enced The Day We Caught The Train and the celebratory One for the Road, with its mood-defining chorus of "Get up and dance, get up and smile/Get up and drink to the days that are gone in the shortest while."

If there was a shortcoming it was in the band's lack of an image or an imposing individ-



Simon Fowler gives his all for Ocean Colour Scene

ual personality to act as a focus of attention. Then again, it made a pleasant change to come across a group whose collective strength lies in superlative musicianship. And even if they did fall back on an old Beatles song. Day Tripper, for an encore, they can still boast a songbook that most of today's acts would die for.

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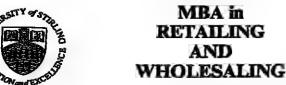
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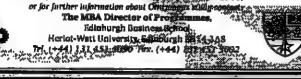
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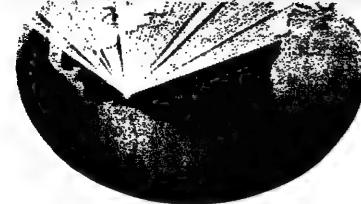
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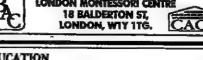
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EDUCATION

Are our children going soft?

The Armed Forces are finding fewer

recruits fit enough for basic training.

Arthur Bland asks if schools are at fault

hysical education was back on the political agenda this week, as the parties put forward alternative visions of an Academy of Sport. But new evidence from the Armed Forces suggests that Britain's fitness deficit is a much wider and more serious problem.

in 1902, when PE became compulsory in schools, the Government was reacting to evidence provided by the recruitment campaign of the Boer War. Mass recruitment had shown that nearly half of the potential army recruits were physically unfit to serve.

The solution to this "national scandal, which was widely debated in the press and Parliament, was to introduce school dinners to improve the levels of nutrition and promote structured physical training for all schoolchildren to improve their health. There is little doubt that this programme was effective

With the onset of the First World War, the same concerns about the physical fitness of the nation were raised. This time, even when in the early days of the war the same criteria for fitness were applied, the country was able to raise the Army

The majority of the early schools' PE instructors were men appointed by the Array, as the principal agency with a vested interest in the fitness of the potential fighting force. In this way, the Army was able to take direct action to ensure that the recruits arriving for basic training were physically equipped

to undertake the rigours of the transformation from civilian to service life,

Today, after eight years of reduc-tion in school PE, following the introduction of the national curriculum, the Army has once again found itself having to take direct action in order to ensure that some recruits are fit enough to commence their initial training. This provides a startling benchmark to the erosion of personal fitness levels which could be seen as an effect of the reduction of PE in schools.

In 1987, only 35 per cent of schools provided less than two hours of PE a week to their pupils. At that time it was unusual for potential recruits to fail the physical titness part of their selection procedure. In 1995, when 75 per cent of schools offered less than two hours PE, the figure for failure had risen

"We used to be able to rely on the schools to provide us with recruits who were able to cope with the physical and mental demands of initial training. We can't do that any more," a spokesman from the Department of Army Recruitment

As a result of the significant shift away from physical activity by young people, the Army now has to provide its own advice to potential recruits to help them to pass the selection test. Over and underweight recruits, and those whom it believes will benefit, attend an additional three weeks of training before starting their initial recruit training designed to equip them



A traditional school physical education class: but new evidence from the Armed Forces shows that too few of today's children are as fit as this youngster

physically for the demands of army life. The definition of fitness has always been the subject of debate but at the military level it is simply seen as the ability to sustain a high level of activity for an extended

Dr Edward Winter, an expert in exercise physiology at De Montfort University, Leicester, is careful to point out that objective scientific measurement in children and adolescents up to the age of 16 shows that basic levels of health appear not to have fallen. "But there are concerns about the levels in fitness of young people today. Although the majority are healthier, they are not necessarily fitter." The rise in chest, circulation and breathing complaints, which have a link to the decline in activity among today's youth, paints a worrying picture. These diseases have become significant contributors to the 24 per cent who fail their medical

for the Armed Forces. The fear is that the decline in timess may only represent the tip of the iceberg. In time, an increase will be revealed in diseases which only an active lifestyle at school has kept at bay.

Another concern for the longterm development of PE is that trainee teachers are arriving at university having had much less sporting experience because of the reduction in time available for the

overnment initiatives to promote games in school are unlikely to prove a panacea. There is no extra money to pay teachers overtime, nor are there reductions in other subjects to offset timetable

In order to support its manpower demands, the Army must recruit 15,000 young people each year. In a system not restrained by a refined training regime, this would not be a

problem. Shortcomings in education or fitness are overcome in the United States by retraining or specialist attention. But budget constraints make this approach impossible for the Ministry of Defence and so the Armed Forces rely on schools.

We no longer need mass recruitment - as we did at the turn of the century. And any pattern of shortcomings is obvious in a streamlined and tightly monitored modern training regime.

Given that the public image of

the Services is one of physical activity, it can be assumed that those presenting themselves for ing fit while at shool. Even so, the Services, including the police, are finding volunteers who are not physically equipped during their school years for the physical demands of the career they have When you apply a benchmark

service have been keenest on keep-

drawn from recruitment for the Army which has stood the test of time, the evidence is clear. Urgent action is needed if schools are to lay a basic foundation promoting the long-term healthy development of the majority of the population.

The author is an exercise physioleist and former Army PE officer

for most schools and universities, success in a chosen career is the Professor David Orr views things differently. If he had his way, every undergraduate would take a course in humility - manning a soup kitch-en, for instance.

It would be a painful but rewarding course, since it is of "fundamental importance", Professor Orr says, that students experience the consequences of their own success. The planet, he says, "does not need more success-

Professor Orr, 52, is among 21st Century" at Schumacher

Students need more than mere success

the most lucid of a new breed of academic - the environ-mental educationalst. He is the author of a remarkable new book, Earth in Mind. the co-founder of the Meadowcreek Project in Arkansas. an experiment in applying "hands-on" ecology to educa-tion, and Professor of Environmental Studies at Oberlin College, Ohio. He is in the UK teaching a two-week course on "Education for the College in Devon. an international centre for ecological study founded five years ago by the Dartington Trust.

In America, many students think they know the answer. Oberlin, like other American universities, has been swept by an enthusiasm for environmental studies: it now comes fifth in the list of "major" subjects behind such stalwarts as English, biology and history. Other colleges report a twentyfold increase

in numbers majoring in the

The appeal goes beyond a

reaction against overspecialisation. There is a new weariness with theory and with what Professor Orr calls "indoor thinking". The most popular courses reflect this they range from "Literature of the Wilderness" (University of California) to "The Ecohistory of New England" (Dartmouth College). Professor Orr's graduates

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also find themselves in a booming field of employment, from habitat restoration to political lobbying in Washington DC. For Professor Orr, this goes to the heart of the matter since it is the ecological ignorance of the university-educated professional elite that he blames for

the environmental crisis. Hence his call for a redesign of education. He writes in Earth in Mind that schools and universities are

equipping people "merely to be more effective vandals of the Earth ... If one listens carefully, it may even be possible to bear the Creation groan every year in late May when another batch of smart, degree-holding but ecologi-cally illiterate Homo sapiens who are easer to succeed are

launched into the biosphere." Education, Professor Orr says, has become an "adjunct to the commercial economy", removing people from contact with the natural world and causing their "sense of wonder" at nature to atrophy. Students need to be "immersed" in living landscapes - for instance, the Black River watershed which flows into Lake Erie, studied by Oberlin students for the past five years. His main message, how-

ever, concerns our definition of success. Most social and environmental damage -- the destruction of the rainforests, or the corporate "disinvestment" that has turned parts of Ohio into an industrial wastewith BAs. BScs. MBAs and

What the planet needs now is "peacemakers, healers, restorers... If we are much more successful as a species, we are going to end up destroying ourselves."

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relations . . . Yet letter-writing hardly gets a mention in the national curriculum or the new English

GCSE syllabuses. And before anyone says that letters are no longer "relevant" to young people growing up in a world dominated by phones, faxes, modems and the Internet, let me point out that Royal Mail still delivers 60 million letters every day. But the standard of these missives sinks ever lower - because basic epistolary skills are not being properly taught at school level. Dreadful, badly spelt, ungrammatical, unclear, verbose communications seem to land daily on the

"Mr Fitswilliam and muself are concerneed ..." (sic) began an unpromising communica-tion from a local company last week. Then there are those who fail to spell my address or name correctly, or set it out inappropriately. An increasing number of typed letters now arrive unsigned. And why on earth do we still see those meaningless formulaic phrases such as "assuring you of our best intentions at all

I have recently tutored a woman in her twenties holding quite a senior post in a local government office. She was, when she first came to me for help, desperately concerned about the quality of her outgoing letters - with good reason. Eventually she learnt to write politely what needed

The lost art of letters

to be said in straightforward, succinct sentences. Why had she not been taught this in her ll years at school?

Every school-leaver should know how to write a letter of application, either word-processed or handwritten. It is a very competitive world and a shoddily written letter costs



Susan Elkin

many an applicant dear. It is scandalous that so few young people seem to be equipped with this vital skill by their

Then there are social conventions. When my younger son was about eight I wrote to his teacher to explain an absence. I used fountain pen and my usual cream notepaper with matching envelope. It became a family joke for ever after that Mr Rutter put my letter in his "art folder". What

an indictment! I suppose he was far more

accustomed to children bringing to school roughly torn quarter pages from memo pads bearing a few misspelt, figures showing unexpectedly low reading levels among scribbled words. Don't we one it to young people to teach them so they won't be stigmatised as "ignorant" in adult life because their educaprimary school children. A government report on children leaving primary school showed that the proportion has sold them short?

We all need to write letters of complaint (and occasionally of congratulation) to manufacturers, retailers, service providers and so on. How much more likely you are to get what you want if you can write a firm and persuasive, educated

It goes without saying that thank you letters are important. And am I the only person left in the world who thinks letters of condolence matter? Commercial cards are miserably banal and trite. We should all, surely, be able to write a few words of sympathy to a bereaved relative, friend or acquaintance in the form of

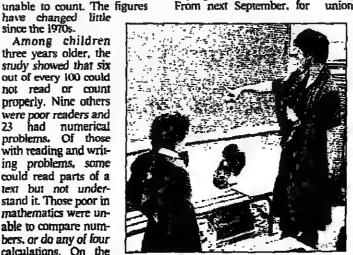
a letter. Personal or quasi-personal letters which open with "Hi! How are you?" instead of Thank you for your letter grate too. A charty communi-cation from a GCSE pupil to whom I once taught English for a few months arrived this week: "Sorry I haven't wrote to you for along time," she starts. and later with unconscious irony: "They think Ill get E in English if you was still my English teacher I would of got

A* ony joking ha ha ha." The national curriculum requires that handwriting be taught. English lessons must include focus on clarity of expression, conventional grammatical forms, choice of suitable language for purpose and how to write for different "audiences". What better way to do all of this than to teach letter-writing systematically and thoroughly?

Susan Elkin

France also suffers

stimulating interest at an early age through a more varied programme. They believe the long school day (8.30am to 4.30pm even at primary level) is counter-productive. Francois Bayrou, the Education Minister, has proposed some sweeping modifications. From next September, for



Low reading levels worry the French

example, 200 regions will offer a five-day programme split between academic morning lessons and recreational afternoon activities. The programme is aimed at areas of higher unemployment and social problems.

A pilot scheme on this theme has been in operation since 1989 at Epinal, the town of Philippe Seguin, head of the National Assembly. About 1,300 of the 4,000 primary children in Epinal work in the morning only with a choice of 74 activities to practise in the

afternoon. The summer holiday has been reduced by 15 days, coinciding with an average one hour less schoolday. But other projects intro-duced this year have met some resistance. The aim to stimulate greater interest in teach-

ing the three Rs has been well accepted, unlike M Bayrou's voluntary 15 minutes a day of The scheme for about 400,000 audio video cassettes in English distributed among 2.746 second-year primary

classes, has only a 50 per cent acceptance rate, chiefly through lack of qualified English-speaking teachers and union objections to changes in the programme.
While some regions are opting for the split

school formula, others have voted to reduce the school week from 42 to four days. Entry to the école maternelle is to be reduced from 2 years 9 months to 21/2 years next September in the belief that group participation between two and three-yearolds stimulates speaking and later reading ability.

M Bayrou is expected to give further details of plans on educational reforms

by the middle of June. However, those living near Belgium, in the Nord Pas-de-Calais region, have opted for a different solution. About 10,000 students over the age of 12 study across the border, a figure that has doubled in the past nine years, while only 350 travel in the opposite direction. This is primarily due to the pupil-tutor ratio of 15.2, as against 20.3 in France. Belgium also offers more diversity in the technical, professional and artistic

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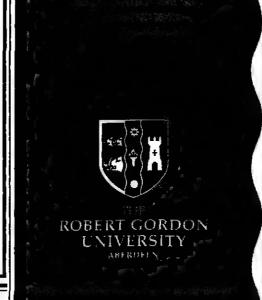
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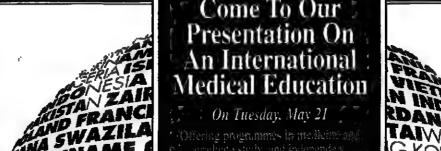
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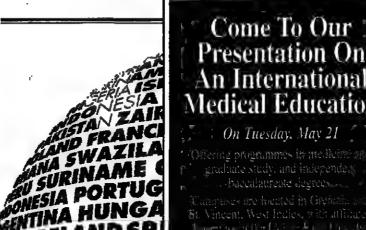
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By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

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SUSSEX were the only team to achieve a draw against Warwickshire last season and that is already the best that they can aspire to here, after a first day of gluttony by the county champions' batsmen. For early May, the Hove pitch was unforgivingly true, the out-field last and the Sussex attack impotent, but let none of this detract from a swift, stylish and potentially significant century by Nick Knight,

There was also a century from the underrated Trevor Penney, an assured 90 for Dominic Ostler and, in the evening sunshine, 97 not out from Dermot Reeve, whose scorn for conformity extended to jogging around the car park

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-88, 2-209, 3-297. BOWLING: Giddins 22-2-85-0; Drakes 20-1-121-1, Jarvis 14-0-65-0; Phillips 33-2-139-2; Low 19-1-78-0 SUSSEC: CW J Athey, J W Hail, M P Speight, "A P Wells, N J Lenham, D R C Law, 1P Moores, V C Drakes, N C Phillips, P W Jervis, E S H Glodins

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in the tea interval to stay loose. It was, however, the lefthanded Knight, 26 and plainly approaching his peak, who bestrode a windy, one-dimen-

Having waited until the final game of last season to make his maiden first-class hundred for the county, Knight has now scored three in successive Warwickshire matches. He can never have authority and, on present evidence, his Test career, painfully interrupted at Trent Bridge last August, should resume at

Edgbaston next month. Knight had made a halfcentury against West Indies in his second Test, when he was struck on the head while fielding at short leg. Unfit for the next match, then unjuckily

HOVE (first day of four; omitted from the winter tour party, he now looks equipped, mentally and technically. This was early-season batting of rare majesty, virtually without blemish, and the pity is that no

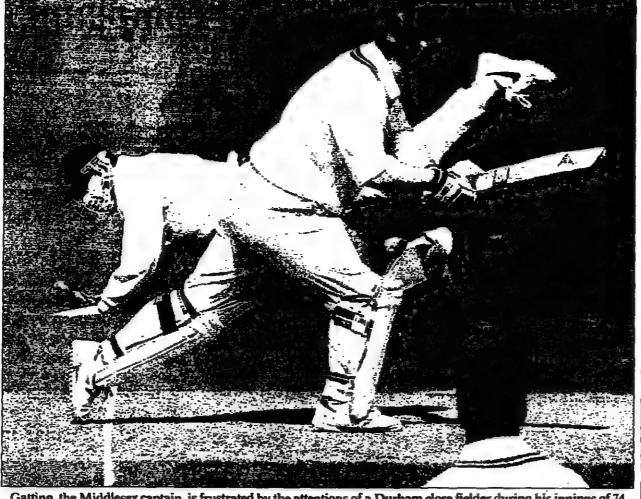
England selector witnessed it. Sussex knew their fate even before Knight completed his pre-lunch century. They must, indeed, have had an accurate idea when Wells lost the toss after presenting Reeve with a leam-sheet missing Salisbury. Without their leg spinner, who has a back injury, and the left-arm inswing of Lewry, who was not selected, their attack was an uninspired combination of four right-arm seamers and an off spinner.

The lunchtime score was 180 for one and Peter Eaton, the admirable Hove groundsman, wore a glum expression. "I'm told the members want to hang me." he said. His pitch may have been too good to help his own side, but Warwickshire, themselves without Munton, Small and Bell, ought to be stretched to enforce victory on it, too. Sussex's resolution will be a test of the new three-point incentive

for draws. Knight exuded confidence from the start. He took nine runs off the opening over from Giddins, pulled Drakes' first ball dismissively for four and hit the hastily-summoned Jarvis for ten in an over. Wasim Khan was not sluggish, but had made only 19 out of 68 when he was bowled in the initial over of spin.

The morning session contained 30 fours, 21 of them to Knight, who made his first 50 from 41 balls and his second from 39. He was out to his first misjudgment of length, pulling against Drakes, whereup-on Ostler, who had given a chance to slip when only two. took control until sweeping

Phillips to Athey. Thus far, the partnerships had yielded 68, 141 and 82, but, for Sussex, the worst was still to come. They did not take a wicket after tea as Penney and Reeve scored at will, extending their stand to 203. Sussex heads did not drop and Phillips and Law, the youngsters, bowled with merit, but it was a cheerless experience for them. and, today, probably after Reeve has made his first century in England for six seasons, they must face Shaun Pollock.



Gatting, the Middlesex captain, is frustrated by the attentions of a Durham close fielder during his innings of 74

Roseberry piles on Middlesex's pain

Benjamin batters hapless Essex attack

at 381 for six, Benjamin (102) and Adrian

Aymes (5i) having so far added 156 for the

hundred runs during a session was

Michael Bevan. Yorkshire's Australian

vice-captain, who went from five to 110

during the afternoon against Derbyshire at Sheffield, Bevan (136) and Anthony

McGrath (91) put on 164 in 35 overs as

Yorkshire powered their way to 486 for

five, although Dominic Cork bore up

Proceedings were rather more sedate

at Old Trafford, where Michael

Atherion's 87 was the backbone of

Another batsman to score more than a

seventh wicket in 32 overs.

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BY SIMON WILDE

LORD'S (first day of four; Middlesex won tossl: Durham, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 77 runs behind Middlesex

MIDDLESEX'S hopes of easing the pain of their woeful start to the season with a crushing win against Durham were dispelled yesterday when they were skittled out before tea for 191, their lowest total against the championship's latest arrivals. They responded to that setback so forcefully that they may yet win, but are unlikely to emerge with their reputation enhanced.

By close of play, lo wickets had fallen for 305 runs and batting was a precarious business on a pitch of uncertain

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

WINSTON BENJAMIN, the West In-

dies all-rounder who was sent home for

fitness and disciplinary reasons halfway

through the tour of England last sum-

mer. has returned to Hampshire for a

second spell in belligerent mood. He

enlivened the evening session at South-

ampton yesterday by striking the Essex

howlers to all parts as he made what was

only the second century of his career.

bludgeoning three sixes and 14 fours as

Hampshire, who were put in by Paul

Prichard, finished the day happily placed

he reached three figures from 104 balls.

pace and bounce. Many bats-men could only blame them-selves for their downfall, but few could justifiably point to the pitch; no doubt some of them felt like doing so as they left for the pavilion.

Middlesex's frustrations were only compounded by Mike Roseberry, who is making his first appearance at Lord's since leaving Middlesex two years ago to captain Durham. Roseberry had an excellent day. He led his side aggressively in the field and then formed the bedrock Durham's reply of 114 for six by batting two hours for

Middlesex's day began with the customary bad news from treatment-room: Nash, their overseas player, had failed a fitness test on his longstanding back problem. This led to Richard Fay, a former member of the Lord's groundstaff and a great-nephew of Maurice Tate, making his second championship ap-pearance and his first at headquarters. He made the most of it, taking wickets with his ninth, eleventh and twelfth

They were his first firstclass wickets and two of them were Test batsmen - Sherwin Campbell, making his championship debut for Durham. and John Morris. Durham were then 30 for three. When the outstanding Fraser quickly removed Collingwood, Middlesex arguably held the ascendancy, before Roseberry

and Daley led a recovery. Like Fay. Melvyn Betts and Mike Foster, of Durham, had

never played in a four-day match at Lord's before and they will also remember yesterday. Betts exhibited genuine speed and, within three overs, had put paid to Pooley and Ramprakash, beaten for pace and bounce, respectively.

Brown benefited from Carr being deceived by the pace of one ball, but returned to exorcise the greater part of Middlesex's long tail and fin-

ish with career-best figures of four for 21. Gatting's 74 was by some distance the highest innings of the day, but he could have

played one of the smallest. He scratched around for an eternity and narrowly escaped being run out on one; typically, he was approaching his

Lancashire's 296 for five against Leices-

tershire. Atherton, dismissed for 98

against Kent earlier in the week, fell

leg-before in the last over before tea.

attempting to sweep Matthew Brimson

Shane Lee, Somerset's new Australian

all-rounder, had a profitable day against

Nottinghamshire at Taunton. He and

Graham Rose, whose return of six for 41

equalled the best of his career, brought

about a collapse which saw the last six

Nottinghamshire wickets fall for 30 runs.

Then, with Somerset struggling at 57 for

three, Lee's rapid 82 led a recovery to 187

the left-arm spinner.

for four, only 13 behind.

Century by Warren underlines wealth of batting

BY IVO TENNANT

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NORTHAMPTON (first day of four: Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire have scored 332 for four wickets against Glamorgan

IT IS not every county that can lose its best batsman, as Northamptonshire learnt they had just before the start of the season, and still have an upper order that should not want for runs. Russell Warren made the second century of his career yesterday, and there were notable contributions from the openers and David

Allan Lamb, the football stands and floodlights, are not all to have gone from the County Ground. The last of the old pitches has been removed, too. Now that the square has been relaid, there is some bounce for any fast bowler prepared to exert himself, as Thomas did.

His direction was less impressive, but he was not alone in that. Glamorgan's most successful howler was Dale, who had to make a virtue of accuracy at his lesser pace. He found a beauty to remove Fordham, a leg-cutter taking the edge and being well held by Metson in front of first slip, but this was a day on which most of the dismissals were self-induced - that of

Montgomerie, for instance. Having put on 105 for the first wicket with Fordham. and batted without apparent difficulty, he pulled a long hop from Dale to the one fielder in the deep. Then, Bailey half-hit an attempted drive to deep mid-off before he had scored, a stroke of indeterminate

Loye, dropped at first slip off Thomas when five played pleasantly enough until he chose the wrong foot off which to drive a ball of fullish length from Watkin, whereupon Capel, who reached 10,000 runs for Northamptonshire in the course of the afternoon, gave Warren the very support that he needed in an unbroken partnership of 146.

The departure of Lamb has. of course, brought about enhanced opportunities, for Loye and, possibly, Warren, although his form last year was such as to ensure that he started the season in the middle of the order.

His century, which came off 173 balls, included 14 fours and was redolent of an impressive concentration. In the final over of the day. Capel reached his half-century, which came off 108 balls.

Bicknell leads way as bowlers take to hard track

BY PAT GIBSON

THE OVAL (first day of four, Kent won toss): Surrey, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 137 runs behind

EVEN Alan Iggiesden might have fancied a bowl yesterday if he had not been laid up with a back injury. In the Kent man's continuing absence, three more reluctant heroes. whose various ailments would fill several pages of a medical dictionary, seized the opportunity to remind Enand's selectors that their fast bowling resources are not quite as depleted as they

sometimes appear.

Martin Bicknell, capped twice against Australia three years ago, set the pace with two Kent wickets in his first over: Chris Lewis, looking to revive his faltering international career with his third county, picked up two more; finally, Martin McCague, discarded after a wretched tour of Australia two winters ago, softened up Surrey with the most blistering spell of all.

Kent were soon regretting their decision to bat first on a hard, bouncy pitch. Fleming, who is hardly equipped to open in such conditions, was caught in the gully off Bicknell's fourth ball. Ward, who is, was caught behind off his sixth, a beauty that lifted and left him.

Lewis, recovered from the hip injury that prevented him from playing any champion-ship cricket for Nottinghamshire last season, was just as menacing, although he did not need any help from the pitch to get rid of Hooper. vho lost sight of the slower ball that yorked him.

Kent were then 13 for three and it was just as well for them that Fulton dug in for 34 overs before Lewis came back to have him caught at third. slip off a lifting delivery that he could not avoid. Fulton had been joined in a fourthwicket stand of 75 by Cowdrey, who had put a brave face on the crisis, with six fours in 45, when he was bowled sweeping at Pearson. Surrey's new off spinner.

Pearson went on to take two more wickets, including that of Faiham, whose hold 51 inspired such resistance from the lower order that Kent reached 225. Then McCague went to work, undoing Darren Bicknell with a lifter. and undermining Stewart and Thorpe, who both contrived to get out to the gentler pace of Eatham.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

In the past few refresher articles, we have looked at one- and twolevel overcalls in a suit. However, these are not the only possible actions when an opponent has opened the bidding - another possibility is an overcall of 1 NT. This shows 15-18 points with a good stopper in the opponent's suit. If you are used to playing a strong no trump, it is pretty much like an opening bid, except for the requirement of having a particular sun stopped; if you are used to playing a weaker no-trump, you just have to do a bit of arithmetic before deciding whether or not to bid on. Bidding over a INT overcall is fairly straightforward - you just bid as if partner had opened I NT (obviously adjusting if necessary to compensate for a different range) using your favourite methods. The following would be good examples of 1 NT overcalls after a One Club opening:

(B) +AK65 **₽Q**5 **★K1076** (b) 4A54 VK6 +QJ7 +AK1076

With hand (a). I NT is better than Double. When it is possible to describe your hand in one bid, that is always preferable to making a bid that could be made on many different sorts of

With hand (b), some people would make a "trap pass" in the hope of taking a penalty from the opponents. This may work well, particularly when the opponents are vulnerable, but it may lead to problems in describing your hand later. It is simpler to overcall I NT in the first place.

In fourth position, ie, after your left-hand opponent's opening bid has been passed round to you. it is usual to play a 1 NT overcall as showing a weaker hand, say 11-14 points.

In the direct position, it is possible that your partner has no high cards at all and that your opponents will be able to double you profitably. This is why quite a strong hand is needed.

In fourth seat, it is different. Your opponents have let the bidding die at the one level so, presumably, have only about half the points in the pack between them. Your side will also have about half the points. The less you have, the more your partner will have. If you waited until you had 16-18 points, you would have no suitable bid on a much more frequent hand. When both sides have about half the points, it is important not to let your opponents play the hand too easily.

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WORD-WATCHING

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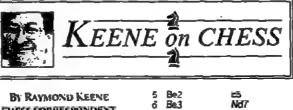
HOOSTER a. More drunk b. A clot c. A Mrs Grundy

-MOUTAN a. A Pyrenean sheep b. A Viva Zapata moustache c. The tree peony

By Philip Howard

a. A male dance b. A Cossack whip c. Dried horsemeat MARCHEN

a. A Dutch market b. A town boundary c A fairy-story Answers on page 38



Bd3 Bd2 Re1 Ne4 Bg5 Nh4 Bue4

Cg4

Kh1 I5 Bi6

h5

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BY RAYMOND KEENE PARES CORRESPONDENT

Kamsky wins Today, I continue my preview

of the respective chances in the Fide world championship between Gata Kamsky and Anatoly Karpov, due to start in Elista. Kalmykia, on June 6. Kamsky, now the leading American player, defected from the Soviet Union to the United States when he was 15. Kamsky is not noted as a profound student of opening theory, nor does his play sparkle with the sacrificial elegance and power of attack which one associates with Kasparov, Instead, Kamsky stands out by virtue of his dogged persistence and a technique that relies on an accumulation of small advantages. The games that he conducts to victory are often exceedingly long. One exception was the following withering assault against Karpov, where the latter's Caro-Kann defence was put to the test. Black lost, having survived the attack, but in a position where he was substantial material in ar-TEATS.

White: Gata Kamsky Black: Anatoly Karpov Dos Hermanas, 1995

Caro-Kann Defence æ 2 d4 **B**15 4 NI3

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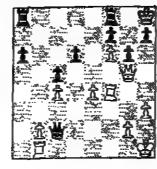
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Bronstein - Keres. Budapest, 1950. David Bronstein. who twice challenged for the world nile, was one of the most leared attacking players of his day. This position demonstrates why. How did Bronstein brilliantly conclude his kingside attack?

Solution on page 38



Consolation prize is Britain's last hope

GREAT Britain remained at the bottom of the table in the Sultan Azlan Shah hockey tournament in Ipoh. Malaysia, yesterday, after a 2-0 defeat by South Korea (Sydney Friskin writes). However, win today over Holland could still leave them with a chance of a third-place play-off on Sunday. Julian Halls returned to his

post at full back after missing the last match because of injury, but did not stay on the field for long. Garcia was tried at centre half and Takher was switched to inside left. Laslett's injury kept him out of action again. Britain's defence worked

hard in attempting to contain the fast and skilful Koreans, but the attack lacked sting despite the promptings of Mayer and Shaw on the right flank. A number of saves by Luckes, in goal, kept them in the game for 33 minutes before the Koreans scored through Song-seung Tae, the outside left, who hit the target with a strong reverse stick shot.

Two short corners for Britain in the second half came to nothing which meant that, out of 17 in four matches, only two have been converted. The Koreans, maintaining pressure, earned six short corners in this period, forcing Luckes to make three saves.

However, he was beaten by a soft shot dispatched from the top of the circle by Seok-kye Shin, the full back, for the second goal in the 64th minute. With two minutes left, Mayer was presented with a chance to score, but his shot, taken on the reverse, just missed the target.

Earlier. Australia made sure of their place in the final on Sunday with a 4-0 win over Holland. Davies, Smith and Kingston scored in the first half and Stacy in the second.

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INDIANS: First Innings 349 for 5 dec (V
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Total (4 wide) 440
"T M Moody, S R Lampit, R K Mingworth, P A
Thomas and A Sheriyar to bat
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-345, 3-351, 4-424 BOWLING Venteketh Present 25-5-75-1, Minambrey 20-5-87-1, Numble 31-4-121-1, Hilwan 21-3-116-0, Ganguly 7-2-13-1, Jadeta 5-1-18-0 Umpres D J Constant and P Willey

Hampshire v Essex SOUTHAMPTON (has day of four, Esser won loss) Hampshire have scored 361 for the haddets against Essex

HAMPSHIRE: First Immings

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R A Smith c Law b Such
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R W Wite C Robbinson b Iod
P R Whitaker c Hussein b Such
A N Aymes and out
Lanse to 6, to 14, nb 27
Toroni 65 without 10th rememb Total (6 wice, 104 overs) 387 SD Udal, SM Milburn and CA Conner to but. FALL OF WICKETS 1-83, 2-83, 3-99, 4-114, 5-194, 6-225 5-194, 6-2 (201. 29.7-84-1; Williams 21-2-77-1, Law 9-0-39-0; Iran 16-1-83-2, Such 23-68-2; Grayson 7-1-30-0.
ESSEK G A Glooch, D D J Robinson, N Hussein, S G Law, "P J Prichard, R C Iran, A P Grayson, 1ft J Rollins, M C Roll, P M Such, N F Williams.

Brouks points Hampehire 4 Essex, 2
Umpixer A A Jones and D R Shephend.

Lancashire v Leicestershire OLD TRAFFORD first day of lour. Lancashin won loog: Lancashire have scored 296 for five wickets against Leicestershire

Realist and State First arrings
R Gallion at Nixon b Plemon
A Atherion low b Brimson
Cassley a Nixon b Milita
J Speak a and b Maddy Total (5 wids, 110 overs) _______ 296 I D Austr. S Eworthy, P J Martin and G Keedy to bat FALL OF WICKETS 1-51, 2-100, 3-191, 4-

BOWLING, Millins 18-8-43-1, Mulailly 21-6-52-0, Simmons 13-1-29-0: Pierson 20-6-51-1, Welle 5-2-17-0; Bilmoon 25-4-77-1; Maddy 8-4-12-2. LECESTERSHIRE: V.J.Wallo, D.L.Madoy, B.F. Smith, P.V. Simmors, "J.J. Whitaker, A. Habib, †P. A. Neuri, M.T. Brimson, A.R. K. Pierson, D.J. Willes, A.D. Mulally. Borus points. Languaine 2. Locustershire 2. Umpres: H.D. Bird and R.A. White.

Middlesex v Durham LORD'S first day of tour; Micideser won loss) Durhem, with four tirst-innings wickels in hand, are 77 runs behind Middleser. MIDDLESEX: First turings P N Weekes the b Brown _____ J C Prodey b Bets _____ M R Remprekash c Soot b Bets _____ M W Galling run out _____ __

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

A R C Fisser e Roseberry b Foster R A Pay c Campbell b Foster P C R Turnell c Campbell b Brown D Fallett not aut Extres (to 10, no 12) Total (\$5.3 overs) 191
FALL OF WICKETS 1-2, 2-20, 3-34, 4-94, 5156, 6-189, 7-186, 8-186, 9-191.

DURHAM: First Innings M A Roseberry low to Follett S), Campbell c Remprakash b Fay J E Morris e Cair b Fay
P D Collegerood buy b Fran
J A Daley b Johnson
M J Foster not out
fC W Scott not out
Extres (to 5, nb 2)

88, 6-109
BOWLING Fraser 13-4-23-1; Johnson 6-2-13-1 Fay 10-3-18-3; Follett 8-1-42-1; Weeklis 5-4-9-0, Tufnel 4-3-2-0
Borrus polinis Middlesex 2 Durham 4
Umpres A Ctarloon and J H Hards

Northants v Glamorgan NORTHAMPTON (first day of four, North-amptonshipe won toss): Northamptonship have scored 332 for four wickets against

Glamorgan

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

R R Montgorverie e Westun is Date

A Fordham e Melston is Date

"R J Bastey e Thomas is Date

M B Loye b Wasten

R J Warren not out

J Warren not out

Eures (b 5, w 1, nb 8) 186 BOWLING, Waskin 24-5-79-1, Thomas 23-3-98-0: Dale 16-4-51-3, Croft 13-2-38-0; Kerdack 12-4-42-0; Bulcher 2-0-19-0 u ast ODANES B. Lewest E. Meyer, & Dale

GREAMORGAN: SP Jernes, H Morrs, A Dale, "M P Maynard, P A Cooley, R D B Croft, G P Butcher, S D Thomas, †C P Metson, S L Walten, N M Fandrick. Bonus points. Northernptonshire 3 Glan Umprest G I Burgess and M J Kilchen.

Somerset v Notts TAUNTON (first day of four, Somerset v loss): Somerset, with sh first-brungs wich in trand, are 13 runs behind Nottinghams NOTTINGHAMSHIRE First Imings

NOTTRIGHAMSHIPE, HIST IN
R T Robitson libit b Rose

A A Metalile & Turner b Shine
G F Archer libit b Lee
"P Johnson libit b Rose
M P Dowman of Turner b Caddick
C L Carms c Lee b Rose
TW M Noon C Turner b Rose
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Total (63 overs) 200 FALL OF VACKETS. 1-24, 2-84, 3-92, 4-144, 5-170, 6-170, 7-183, 8-191, 9-196 BOWLING Caddick 14-4-35-1; Shine 15-3-50-1, Lee 15-2-68-2; Rose 19-9-41-6

FALL OF WICKETS 1-36, 2-47, 3-57, 4-175

BOWLING. Carns 13-1-61-1, Pennetl 11-0-

M N Lativest Inn out 40
P D Bowler low b Pennon 7
A N Haytunst retired fruit 6
R J Harden low b Calms 0
R J Harden low b Calms 36
S Lee c Matcalle b Atland 82
J D Batty not out 8
Betans (b 1 or 1, no 12) 14 SOMERSET): First Immigra †R J Tumer, G D Rose, A R Caddlick and K J Shine to bel.

66-1; Pick 7-1-21-0 Toffey 5-0-27-0; Downwer 3-1-12-0, Atlant 2-2-0-1 Bonus points, Somerica 4 Nottinghamatere 2 Umpures Billipacibe and R Painter

Surrey v Kent THE CVAL that day of four kent of Surrey, with seven first-innings of hand, are 137 runs bahand kent NENT: Piret trangs
D P Fulton t Brown b Lews
M V Ferning t Julian b M P Bicknell
T R Ward c Kersey b M P Bicknell
C L Hooper b Laws
G R Cowdray b Peasson
M A Emissin b Peasson
"TS A March c Brown b Butcher
J B D Thompson b Julian
M M McCagan c D J Bicknell b Peasson
M M Patel c Lews b Julian
T N Wen not out KENT: Prot Irrange TN When not out ... Ectres (16 4 w/1 nb. 16) Total (77.4 overs) 226 FALL OF WICKETS 1-1, 2-1, 3-13, 4-88, 5-92, 6-176, 7-180, 8-210, 9-214

BOWLING MP BK

4-57-2 Julian 14 4-3-36-2; Butcher 13-3-41-1: Pearson 13-5-35-3 D J Bicknett a Cowery b McCague M A Butcher not out "A J Steem of Cooper b Esthern ... G P Thorpe b Eathern AD Brown not out ... Extras (#b & nb 2) Ergas (P. B. nb. 2)
Total IS withs, 25 overs)

A J Hollonder, C C Lawis, B P Juffert, 1G J Kersey, M P Biokinel and R M Peesson to bal.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-18, 2-35, 3-47,
BOWLING McCague 9-2-25-1, Thompson's-1-14-0, Esharm 6-0-25-2; Wren 2-0-14-0, Page 2-0-4-0
Bonus points Surrey 4 Kent 2
Umpires N, J Lyons, and B J Meyer

Sussex v Warwickshire HCVE first day of tour, Weawackshire won loss) Wanneckshire have scored 494 for three wickets against Sussex WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings N V Knight b Drakes D P Ostler c Athey b Philips
T L Penney not out
"D A Reeve not out Edras (fb 6, w 1, nb 20)

FALL OF WICKETS 1-68, 2-209, 3-297 Law 19-1-78-0 SUSSEC C. W. Ashny, J.W. Hail, M.P. Speight, "A.P. Wells, N. J. Lemham, D. R. C. Law, 15 Moores, V.C. Drailes, N.C. Philips, P.W. Janks, E.S. H.Gatters, Bonus points; Sussex 7 Wannackshire 4

Umpires J W Holder and V A Holder Yorkshire v Derbyshire

SHEFFIELD (first day of lour, Yorkshire won loss), Yorkshire have scored 486 for five wickets against Derbyshire YORKSHIRE: First Imings M D Moon c Krisken b Cork M P Yeughan c Adams b Malcolm "D Byas c Vandrau b Malcolm M G Benan c Owen b Cork A McGrath c Adams b Cork C White not out tR J Blakey not out Extras (b 5, ib 9, w 2, no 12)

Total (5 wkts, 106 overs) 486 D Gough, P J Hanley, C E W Silverwood and R D Stemp to bat, FALL OF WICKETS 1-73, 2-132, 3-235, 4-399, 5-471
BOMLING Malcolm 16-2-82-2, Cork 34-7-138-3; Aldred 18-1-74-0* Vandrau 25-1-108-0; Weits 5-0-25-0 Barnen 8-0-45-0
DERBYSHIRE: N. J. Barnen, A. S. Rodins, C. J. Adarts, "D. M. Jones, J. E. Owen, C. M. Weils, TK. M. Kridsen, D. G. Cork, M. J. Vandrau, P. Aldred, D. E. Malcolm
Bonus points: Yorkshire 4 Derbyshire 2
Umpares, J. H. Hampshire and N. T. Plews

SPORT IN BRIEF

ATTENDANCES in football's FA Carling Premiership rose

for the fourth successive season in 1995-90 (Russell Kempson

writes). The FA Premier League, which runs the Premiership,

writes). The FA Premier League, which runs are Freniership, announced an increase of 13.5 per cent, which is almost 30 per cent up on the first year of the competition. 1992-93. Average attendances in the Premiership rose from 24.271 during 1994-95 to 27.550, with 17 clubs attracting larger crowds.

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Middlesbrough and Bolton Wanderers, promoted from the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, led the way, with Middlesbrough, enjoying a rise of 55.7 per cent. "We are very pleased with the figures." Rick Parry, the chief executive of the FA Premier League, said. "They reveal, more than anything else, the popularity of Premier League football and the renewed interest that has been generated in our national sport over the nast few years."

Seniors set for service

GOLF: Tonimy Horton, Malcolm Gregson and Brian Huggett — all former Ryder Cup players — will be challenging for the £16.660 first prize when the increasingly high-profile European Seniors Tour gets under way today. The resort of Antalya, 500 miles south of Istanbul, hosts the

100-strong field for the Turkish Seniors Open. Starting as

favourite is John Morgan, of Cheshire, the British PGA Seniors champion, and Europe's top senior player in 1994.

CYCLING: Graeme Obree resumes the defence of his World Cup pursuit title this afternoon in Athens without the new

high-tech machine that he had hoped would be available.

Instead, Obree, from Scotland, will ride his homemade "old

faithful" bike, which took him to international fame in 1993,

when he broke the world one-hour record. Obree leads the 12-

strong British team, which also includes Chris Newton, who

won the Thwaites grand prix that finished on Monday.

Becker at his worst

TENNIS: Boris Becker,

right, played what he described as "his worst

match of the year" when he lost 6-2, 6-2 to Gilbert

Schaller, of Austria, in the

third round of the Panasonic

German Open in Hamburg yesterday. Becker, the No l

seed, added: "Players smile

in the morning if they see

conditions like this. They pray for it because they know they have a chance to

Obree's plans change

Premier League's

attendance boom

in shade by health concerns

FROM MEL WEBB IN MADRID

THE GOLF at the Spanish Sergio Gomez, Olazábal's Open at Club de Campo yesterday was almost relegated to second place as health matters thrust their way to the top of the leaderboard. Two bulletins were posted on the gate; one made happy reading, the other much less so.

The first was a progress report on the fragile state of José María Olazábal's aching feet; the second involved a mystery illness being suffered by Venetia, Colin Montgomerie's three-month-old daughter, which prompted the European No 1 to pull out of the tournament to be at her cotside with Eimear, his wife.

Venetia was taken sick at the Montgomeries' home in Surrey on Sunday and was admitted to hospital. Mont-gomerle, who had a first-round 74, two over par, had

FIRST ROUND

Grant Britam and Instand unless stated EARLY SCORES. Get. I Pyrran, 67; P O'Malley (Aus), M Wils. Set. P Haugsrud (Norl, R Muntz (Hol), R Chapman, P Eeles Set. P Golding, J Coceres (Arg), A Cabrera (Arg), E Canonaca (II), R Wessels (SA), M Gronberg (Swe), G Cant. Turves (Fr.) Storn (Den), A Binagin (8), 7t. S Lune (Sp), G Brand Jr., J Sandelin (Swe), E Romero (Arg), S Tomaros, P United (Sp), T Price (Aus), J Robson. S Struver (Ger), 71; F Howley, J Widener (US), G Reight, S Arnes (Irt), M Moreno (Sp), S Gellacher, D Bornego (Sp), M Harwood (Aus), B May (US), E Bolognesi (N), P Balker 72; S Feld, A Lebouc (Fr), J Pricero (Sp), J Anutt (Sp), G Reight (Gr), S Gellacher, G Grosse (Ger), F Tarnaud (Fr), S Bellasteros (Sp), Rethrect E Giraud (Fr). Wighdrawn after first round: C Morngomerie, J Lornes

mixed feelings about playing this week. "He has kept in touch with Eimear all week and spoke to her after he finished playing today," Guy Kinnings, his manager, said. "Venetia's condition is stable but is obviously a cause for concern, and Colin feels he wants to be with his family." It is a small irony that Montgomerie's withdrawal came only 24 hours after he both sympathised with Olazabal, who has been out of

stars for his own health. Alarming stories have been circulating about the prognosis for Olazábal — he would not be playing this year, next year; maybe, went the scuttlebutt, he would never play tournament golf again. It was therefore with some relief that

(1) 1 YORK Bull 54 Stephenson 55 Jacobs 89

Wednesday's late results
EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP: Frank
Paris Saint-Germain 1 Pariel Vision

POOTBALL AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Queens Park Rangers v Charlion (at The Valley, Charlion, 2 0): Watlord v Brighton (2 0)

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second

SCHOOLS MATCH: Heinz Centenary Shield under-18 international: England v

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Endshigh Insus

action for eight months with

rheumatoid arthritis in both

feet, and thanked the lucky

manager, was able to lay some of the rumours to rest.

"José is very close to the 90 per cent fit he wants to be before he returns," Gomez said. This week he intends to play 18 holes a day for four days to simulate what he would have to take on in a numament."

The upshot is that, if he passes his long-distance fitness test as this tournament is being played, he could be back in action in the Volvo PGA championship in two weeks. "He is happy that there is now every chance that he might be able to play half a season this year instead of none of it." Gomez said.

Back on the golf course, it was business as usual. Play was even delayed for a while, something that has become almost a permanent feature of the European tour this season.

This time, lightning pulled the players off the course for 65 minutes, after which lain Pyman made light of soft and spike-ridden greens to return a 66. six under par, for a one-O'Malley and Marcus Wills, with Roger Chapman, Paul Eales and Derrick Cooper in a group a further shot

Severiano Ballesteros. meanwhile, came in with a 72. In the days of yore, level par would have been nothing for Ballesteros to write home about; in these troubled days for the great Spaniard, it was cause for celebration.

The leader, Pyman, is that rare animal among tournament professionals, a traditionalist. He used a metal wood with a graphite shaft from the moment he left the amateur ranks in 1994, but was missing too many fairways. His remedy was to take up a driver with an oldfashioned persimmon head and a positively medieval steel shaft, and is obviously back on the straight and narrow. High technology? Forget it.

☐ The McDonald's LPGA

championship at DuPont Country Club in Wilmington, Delaware, was called off because of rain yesterday. the championship — which has been reduced to 54 holes will get under way today.

PAUL MERSON TESTIMONIAL MATCH: Argend XI II International XI 5.

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BRAZILAN LEAGUE: São Paulo chemp-lonship: São Jose 1 Botatiogo 2, Aracaluba 3 XV de Jau 1, Mopi Mirm 2 Ferroviana 0; Rio Branco 2 Santos 5; São Paulo 3 Uniso São Juso 0 Cosa Brazir Ouerbe-linat, first leg: Palmeiras 2 Parans 0. SCHOOLS MATCHES: Norman Marit League: Play-offs; Huddersfield 1 Selton 2: Biackpool 0 Leeds 0; Huddersfield 0 Biackpool 2: Selton 0 Leeds 0; Huddersfield 0 Biackpool 2: Selton 1 Biackpool 2 Winner: Biackpool, Clare Greiham Trophy:

Tetley's challenge series 11 0, final day of three WORCESTER: Worcestership v

11 C. second day of four 104 overs minimum SOUTHAMPTON; Hampshire v Essex OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashira v

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OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Windsor Horse show

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Bete Vue v Bradford (7:30), Oxford v Shaffield (7:30); Peterborough v London. Conference League; Averia Essex v Reading (8:0)

LORD'S: Middlesse v Durham

TAUNTON: Somersel v

Stones Super League

cen League

Pontypridd v Cardiff (6.50)

TENNIS: LTA spring salelito (Lec-on-Solent)

Second division

First divisio

Barrow v Hunslet

Pyman kept Riders find grounds for complaint

BY JENNY MACARTHUE

IT COULD not last. On Wednesday, the opening day of the Royal Windsor Horse Show, riders were full of praise for the improved going in the main arena. Yesterday, after the organisers had continued to water the ground despite overnight rain, the riders were unanimous in their condemnation.

David McPherson, South Africa, who won the Speed Classic, the main event of the day, on Flip, his Frenchbred gelding, said: "It's a disgrace when a show of this stature can't get it right. It was so slippery it wasn't safe to open up round the corners.

Nick Skelton, who had 16 faults on Cabaret, said that his views on the going were "unprintable". Michael Whitaker blamed Elton's uncharacteristic four faults at fence six. a vertical, on the greasy going and said that he was not going to jump Mid-night Madness, his top horse,

Michael Bullen, the chairman of the show, said that "every effort" had been made before the show to have the ground right for the showjumpers. After the riders' comments yesterday, he was intending to have the ground spiked last night in

order to dry it out. Despite the riders' criticisms, there were il clear rounds in the Speed Classic. Guy Goosen, the eventual runner-up, held the lead for most of the competition on Fiorelia, only to be pipped by McPherson and Flip.

McPherson disclosed that Flip, who started his career with Jo Fargis, the 1984 Olympic gold medal-winner, is for sale. McPherson has been based at Maidstone for the past ten years and survives in the sport by running a dealing yard.

Earlier, Rob Hoekstra. born in Holland but based near Tumbridge Wells for the past 20 years, achieved the satisfaction of relegating John Whitaker, a leading Olympic contender, to second place in the Windsor Stakes. Hoekstra, 38, gained his win



Hoekstra and Collette on their way to victory in the Windsor Stakes yesterday

on Collette, a ten-year-old Dutch-bred mare, whom he described as "an out-and-out

The victorious rider was critical not only of the poor ground but also of the prizemoney. "I can't understand a show like Windsor not giving more prize-money," Hoekstra

Dertoyshine 302-4 dec (M J Vandrau 110, J Coleayne 82, B Spendiove 50 not out) and 173-9 Match drawn Old Trafford: Lancashine 351-8 dec (D J Steetford 101 not out) and 212-4 dec (P C McKeden 124); Wordestershine 278-8 dec (D B D'Orivera 62, M Dwan 84 not out, M J Church 52) and 201-8 (V S Solarisi 72). Match drawn Second day of three: Balsot Hampshine 355 all out and 71-2; Gloucestershine 327-5 dec (N J Trainer 172 not out, D R Hewson 51)

CYCLING

TOUR DUPONT: Eighth stage (Bristol to Basch Mountain, North Carolina, 176.5 Idiometres): 1, P Herve (Fr. Fassina) 5th Obrain Cissec, 2, L Armstrong (LS, Motorola) at 51sec; 3, D Nerdello ft, Maye-GB) at 17th 20sec; 4. T Rominger (Switz, Mapel-GB) at 146.5, A Gonzalez (Sp. Mespel-GB) at 1:51; 8, J C Robin (Fr. Festina) 2:02 Overall positions; 1, L Armstrong 32th 51min 42sec; 2, Herve at 1 min 58sec; 3, Rominger at 4:59; 4, Robin at 5:52; 5, D Plaza (Sp. Festina) at 5:54

ASCOT: Goeon Bittleh Probassional Tour:
Landars after two rounds: 198: P Shemman
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(Howell (Ferndown) 72, 72, 145: D Hames
(Lie of Wedmone) 72, 73, W Hewlett (Royal
Blackheath) 72, 73; S Vale (Whitington
Heath) 73, 72; P Young (Whitesham) 70,
75, 148; K McDoneld (Goodwood) 71, 75, A
Well (unattached) 72, 74, 147, N Turley

Crossillion, 20 Periament Piece, 25 Bite Hope, Pinkerton's Pal, 33 Little flow, Smart Guest, 18 ran, Hi, 14i, sh hd, sh hd, 1 Al, P Felgate at Lisburn, Tote 55 40, 52 00, 56 70, 66 10, 52 20 DF 5142 80, Thor 51,305.20, CSF 5108.25 Tricast E1 843.45

ET. 395-20. CSF ET08-25 Incast ET. 3943-45.
440 (1m 41 68yd) 1, ORINOCO RIVER (D Hamson, 9-1): 2. Leeding Spirit (Pat Eddery, 11-2), 3, Faha (T Quorn, 5-4 lav) ALSO RAN 5 Braille, 9 Maple Bay (6th), 10 Agtar (4th), 12 Horesti, 16 Eta Man Howa. 20 Ambidestrous (5th), 33 Kadari. 10 ran 4l, sh hd, 8l, 13l, 11 P Chapple-Hyam at Martion Totar £15 80: 62 90, 62 00, £1.40 DF: £42 60. This £52 20. CSF £58.08 Theast £38 04 Jackpott: £17.462.20 (0.2 winning tickets. Pool of £18,675.79 carried forward to Lingiteld Park today). Placeport £25.00. Quadpott £44.10.

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2.20 (54 59yd) 1, WAIT FOR ROSIE (P P Murphy 6-4), 2, Joint Venture (M Tebbus 5-5 law); 3, Metay Cay (B Thomson, 20-1) ALSO RAN 14 Mike's Double (4th) 4 ran. Sh of 51, 81, M Charmon at Upper Lamboum Tote, 52.40 DF- 51 30, CSF 52.92

Lamboum total, 52.40 Dr. ET 30, CSP 52.92
2.50 (6f 205yot) 1, NO SYMPATHY (Dane O'Neil, 4-1), 2, Velvet Jones (S Whatworth, 12-1), 3, Red Time (R Proc. 20-1) ALSO RAN 13-8 tay Dally Rick (4th), 5 Poternan (5th), 9 Remember Star, 16 Wingnut (6th) 20 Balter, Bear 7o Dance, 33 May King Mayham, Samply Seven 11 ran 2-51, ½, 114, 11, 101 G L Moore at Epsorm Toter 54-50; ET 10, £2 00, £2.90, Dr. £19-90 Top; £16-4 50 (part won; pool of £162.53 carried loneard to 3-50 at Lingfield Park (odey), CSF; £46, 49
3.20 (6f 205yd) 1, PERILOUS PLIGHT (Jean-Fierre Lopez, 16-1); 2, Rocky Waters (P McCabe, 10-1); 3, College Night (M Henry, 3-1 Ray), ALSO RAN 11-2 Risky Romeo, 15-2 Don Pepo (6th), 11 Dancing Linwyer (bd), 12 Crystal Heights.

Brighton

* YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

said. "You don't expect to jump at one of Britain's top shows for so little - it's what you would expect in a novice competition.

long-standing ambition when he gained a double clear round in the Prague Nations Cup on Roseanna last year.

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ROYAL WINDSOA HORSE SHOW: Webvyn rovice championship (Wednes-day): 1, Ramazotii (P Charles) 0 ffis, 37.72; 2, Imera (M Whitaker) 0, 41.15; 3, Horne (D

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ICE HOCKEY

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Inot 221.40 CSF C19.65. Inotas £78.62 4.20 (Im 11 209yd) 1. ROMAN REEL (S Whitworth, 2-1 lav): 2. Araboybdi (S Drowne, 12-1): 3, Hang A Right (C Dwyor, 25-1) ALSO RAN 9-2 Hower Golf Di-amond. 5 Autobabble, My Beautiful Dream, 12 Sharp Gazelle (Sth), 16 Hart-felds Boy, The Lutle Forner (4th), 33 Boston Tea Party (6th) Gmka, Janvoy, Red Sky Delight 13 ran Sh thd, 131 £1, 5.3 G L Moore at Epcom. Tote £4 00: €2.50, Lis 03, E3 60 0F 183.20 Tho 100,40 CSP C26.28

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won £200 yesterday. His entry fees and stabling (for two nights) at the show total £650. RESULTS: Squed Classic: 1, Ftp. (D. McPrerson, SA), 83 45sec: 2, Florefia (G. Goosen, GB) 63 87; 3, Etermay (E.) Mec, GB) 64, 82; Windows Stakes: 1, Collete (F. Hoskstra, GB) 0, 83 24; 3, Cemavelley (K. Cooper, GB) 0, 43 24; 3, Cemavelley (K. Cooper, GB) 0, 49,45 Oeborne Retrigeration Hunter championship: Champion P. Hales's Sheet Delight: neserve, Colonester Commercials' Regis Max.

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Dallaglio's efforts earn top award

LAWRENCE DALLAGLIO, who took over the captaincy of Wasps at short notice last season and then cemented an international place as England's openside flanker, was named last night as the Rugby Football Union's player of the season at an awards dinner in London (David Hands writes).

who, at 23, is one of the rising stars of the professional era. He won his first cap as a replacement against South Africa last

FOR THE RECORD 1

experienced Andy Robinson and Neil Back. His leadership helped Wasps to ride the early-season storm caused by the loss to Newcastle of Dean Ryan and Rob

his retirement in March as England

through a Stock Exchange flotation, have re-signed Gareth Rees, Canada's World Cup captain, who played for them in the John Player Cup final in 1986 as an

Alex King, one of Wasps' most recent acquisitions, is the RFU's most promising player of the season. King, a second-year student at Bristol University and standoff half, was catapulted to prominence by the divisional championship. A special

November and retained the place against presentation was made by Bill Bishop, the

Wasps, who hope to raise £2.5 million 18-year-old Harrow schoolboy.

RFU president, to Will Carling to mark the opposition offered by the more

It is deserved recognition for Dallaglio

AUSTRALIAN RULES

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15-2: 3, Danehal Princase (L Deston, 2-15-2); 3, Danehal Princase (L Deston, 2-15-2); 3, Danehal Princase (L Deston, 2-15-4); 3, Destonia (Birl), 7 Dezy Deniar (Birl), 11
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Cockertam Tole 53 70: 52-20, 52-90
DP: 53-40, CSF: 519-14

2.40 (1m 2l 75yd) 1, PRIZE GIVING (M Hills, 9-4 fav, Thunderer's rep and Our

Linia J. 1970) 1, PRIZE GN/BNG (M. Hills, 9-4 for, Thunderer's rep and Our Newmarket Correspondent's map; 2, Desert Boy (J. Reid, 6-1); 3, West-A-Minute (K. Fallon, 8-1) ALSO RAN 11-4 Tawkii (8th), 8 Bonarelli (5th), Red Robbo, 9 Babrida (4th) 7 ran '41, 21, 11, 3/4, 11 G Wragg at Newmarket, Tota 52, 70, 51, 70, 53, 50 DF, 514, 90 CSF, 515, 14

23.50 DF. £14.90 CSF. £15.14
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4.10 (71 122yd) 1. HIGHBORN (K Darley, 15-2), 2. Persean Fayre (G Carter 14-1); 3. Wentbridge Lad (G Hind, 20-1), 4. Carictamacta; (T Sprates, 6-1), MSO PANN 5-1 Jav Sernsar, 9 Dawaldo, Faire Again, 10 Apollono, Hand Craft, Pengamon (6th), 12 Schamhorst (5th), 14 Stoppes Brow, 16

Houston 1; Atlanta 5 Francisco 10 St Louis 7

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AWARDS: Player of the season: L Dallagio (Wasps). Young player of the season: A King (Bratzi University) Try of the season: A Adobsyo (Bath) v Locator (6 i 96). Unaung harc: B Daves (Saracons). Cellinet youth development trophy: A Evans (Cumbris)

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Linglind Park today) CSF-£108 S8
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9-1), 2, Joen De Rorrello (10-1); 3,
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Danehill Dancer will form a

strong British challenge for

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des Poulains (French 2.000

Guineas) at Longchamp on

MOTOR SPORT: An emergency meeting of the technical committee of the British touring car championship (BTTC) yesterday failed to resolve the dispute over the weight handicap applied to the all-conquering four-wheel drive Audi A4. Next Monday has been set as the deadline for the committee to present a formal recommendation whether the Audi, the winner of four of the first six BTCC races, should be forced to carry an additional weight penalty.

Latham upsets Lyons

REAL TENNIS: Hugh Latham beat Andrew Lyons, his

fellow Queen's Club professional, to reach the quarter-final of the BNB Resources British professional championship at

Holyport. The unseeded Latham took the first two sets in

confident style. Lyons raised his game to level the match.

before Latham finally resumed command, clinching the

decider 6-5. Mike Gooding and Chris Bray, the two leading British professionals, advanced to the quarter-finals.

Weighty discussion

Ward makes progress

TENNIS: Jo Ward caused an upset at the LTA Spring Satellite tournament at Lee-on-Solent yesterday by beating Karen Cross, the No I seed, to win a place in the semi-finals. Ward, a former national champion, of Durham and Cleveland, played superbly to win 6-2, 7-6 over Cross, of Exeter. Ward now meets Magalie Lamarre, of France, the only overseas player left in the women's event. In the other semi-final, Megan Miller meets Jasmine Choudhury.

(Sp) bt S Testud (France) 6-0. 6-1 HAMBLIFIC: Minrie tournament. Second round: W Ferrers (SA) bt D Vacek (C2) 6-2. 6-0: A Boefsch (Fr) bt B Kartnecher (Gar) 4-8. 7-6. 7-8. M Lansson (Swe) bt A Berastegus (Sp) 7-6. 6-7. 6-4; C Moya (Sp) bt H Gurry (Arg) 6-8. 6-4; C-U Steeb (Gar) bt G Vanisevic (Cro) 6-3. 6-4; Y Kateristov (Russ) bt S Pascosolido (Ri 6-2. 7-8: S Dosedel (C2) bt C Plotine (Fr) 7-6. 6-1 Third round: G Schaffer (Austra) bt B Becker (Gar) 6-2. 6-2; Lansson bt Steeb 6-2. 6-0 BO LEE-ON-SOLENT: LTA spring extellite tournament (GB unless stated) Merc First round: R Nicdeth (Gar) bt J Dawdson 6-2. 2-5, 6-3, M Goodarz (Aus.) bt M Wyeth 6-1. 6-2. A Richardson bt D Sanders 6-2, 6-2, C Wall bt P Pate (Cat 7-6, 6-3; G Steenkamp (SA) bt P Hand 7-6, 6-3; G Steenkamp (SA) bt P Hand 7-6, 6-3, N Weel bt M Boulding 6-2, 6-0; G Saffery bt V Sundamn 6-1, 6-3, S Bandeman (Gor) bt D Ward 6-1, 3-6, 6-1; D Draper bt J Barneti 6-7, 6-4, 7-5; J Delgado bt A Parmar 6-3, 6-2, Women; Second round: J Ward bt G Mtand (Iro) 7-6, 6-4 Ouester-linels: Ward bt K Cross 6-2, 7-6; M Lamare (Fr) bit L An 6-2, 6-0; J Choudhury bt J Sieck (SA) 1-6, 6-2, 4-9 ret; M Millor bt A Kurnway (Aus.) 6-4, 7-8 18 MAY 10 MAY 2.30 (1m) 1. Eagle Canyon (J. Stack, 13-2); 2. People Direct (3-1); 3. Princess Pampaddy (14-1), 8t of Bettre 2-1 lav, 13 ran, ftP. Toshtalya, 11, 41, B. Harbury Tote, 21.200; 23.10, £1.20, £2.50 DF £28.20 Tno £143.10 CSF £29.33 TI WAY 3.00 (5) 1, Gusens Check (N Cornonton 12-1), 2, My Cherrywell (4-1), 3, Ninety-Flve (10-1), 4, Utile Sabotour (12-1) Fyors Gitt 3-1 law 16 ran NR Summer Process 34, 191, Miss J Craze Tote: (23, 70, 23 50, C1 10, E4 80, C2 80, DF - 1152-40 Trio £109 80 CSF: £70.36, Tricast: £512.90 13 MAY 2.30 (7) 1. Principal Boy (L. Chamock 7-1); 2. Elton Ledgor (7-1), 3. Awesome Venture (7-1). Maykanik 3-1 fav 10 ran Nk, hd. T Etherington Tote: £6.90; £1.40, £2.10, £2.60. DF £31.20 Tno: £24.40 £35; £57.44. Tricast: £348.10.

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Absentees put Derby status on trial

RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE so-called classic trials are in danger of contravening the Trade Descriptions Act after Prize Giving yesterday became the latest big-race winner not to have a classic engagement.

Geoff Wragg pulled his colt out of the Derby at the most recent forfeit stage only to see him justify favouritism in the Dee Stakes at Chester yesterday, and underline why he should be in the Epsom lineup next month.

The reputation of British racing will be harmed if the

HIGHARD EVANS

Nap: STRATEGIC PLOY (3.30 Beverley) Next best: Yeast (4.50 Lingfield Park)

best horses continue to be missing from the classics and this season the absentees are significant. Thrilling Day won the Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket but could not run in the 1,000 Guineas because she had not been entered. Similarly, Santillana, the Thresher Classic Trial winner, and High Baroque, winner of the Chester Vase on Tuesday, are not in the Derby.

The damaging effect of bigrace winners missing classics was underlined 12 months ago when Pentire, also trained by Wragg, won the Dee Stakes but missed Epsom because he

Carl Evans: 6.25 King's Treasure.

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6.00 BROCKLESBY NATIONAL HUNT HOVICES

5-2 Highpenth, 4-1 Grundga, 5-1 Sileni Surs, 6-1 Pagasus Bay, 7-1 Cramballa,

6.25 GEOSTAR MOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,008; 2m 6l 110yd) (11)

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4. 5363 CROMANDO CROWN 13 P. Brens 5-11-2 ... W WHITEBORN
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8-4 King's Traceurs, 9-2 Golden Strenneh. 6-1 Golden Moss. 7-1 others.

6.55 BURTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

(£1,933: 2m 3t 110yd) (11)



Prize Giving, noseband, provided Wragg with his third Dee Stakes success in four years at Chester yesterday

did not hold an entry. By the end of the season he had proved himself an outstanding middle-distance horse -

second only to Lammtarra. i am convinced there is a simple solution to prevent a repetition of this embarrassing scenario in the future and. having floated the idea with trainers, racing officials and

bookmakers at Chester this week, I hope the British Horseracing Board (BHB) and the Racecourse Associcountries - notably in Australia for the Melbourne Cup to ensure the best horses line up for the best races and it ation will give it serious conwould be simple to write into sideration. the conditions of the main

Quite simply, the winner of classic trials. recognised trials should gain The automatic qualification principle could be extended to automatic entry to the intended classic. A similar safety-net National Hunt racing to avoid procedure is used in other a repetition of this year when

Killeshin was precluded from entry to the Grand National despite winning the Eider Chase at Newcastle.

John Gosden supported the idea, describing it as "excellent", and yesterday Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes gave it his full backing. "It would help the profile of the big races if people knew that the best missing. It would turn a negative into a positive.

Publicity is all important for the Derby and it is stunted every time a horse wins a big trial and is not entered for the race. If winners of the big trials gained automatic qualification it would also stimulate the betting market. At the moment it is almost uncanny how the best trials are won by

horses not in the main event." If racecourses are fearful of the potential effects on the number of early entries — and I believe such fears are unfounded - they could stipulate the connections of a classic trial winner pay an entry fee equivalent to that paid at the most recent forfeit stage.

Ironically, Wragg was saddling the winner of the Dee Stakes for the third time in four years and all three including Beneficial in 1993 -did not hold an Epsom entry.

In keeping with many in racing, Wragg believes the idea of a Derby entry "wild card", which would see one horse without an entry allowed into the race, to be totally unworkable.

"You could have three or four horses worthy of being given a wild card. Who would you pick? All you need to do is have a supplementary entry ten days before the race with an entry fee of £40,000 or E50,000.

Wragg added: The prob-lem is that the conditions of a race are not regulated by the BHB, but by the racecourses, so there is no policy on supplementary entries."

INCLE DE PARK

3.20 Sooty Tem 3.50 Diebiedale 4.20 RUWY (nap) 2.20 Caviar Rovale 2.50 Zidac

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.50 RUSSIAN MUSIC.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD.BF.F.G.S) (Mrs. D Roberson) B Half 9-10-0 .. B West (4) 88

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (TURF COURSE); STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER) SIS DRAW: 5F-7F 140YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

1.50 McCall Group Maiden Stakes (Div I: £3,428: 7f) (10 runners)

1905; BENNAID SEVEN 3-8-7 (Debot (7-2) 5 Winds 5 as

FORM FOCUS ALMURSIA 4'X1 Std of 13 to West Hamble to maiden at Kemplon (7), good to firm) self-choosed at Kemplon (7), good to firm) self-choosed particles at Kemplon (7), good to firm) self-choosed particles at Kemplon (7), good to firm) self-choosed particles at Newbury (7), good to firm) self-choosed par

2.20 RACING CHANNEL STEVE WOOD MEMORIAL MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,351: 5f) (5 runners)

840 BOLD AFRICAN 2 (D Meloney) P Evens 8-0 R
2 CAMAR ROYALE 4 (BF) (E Too) R Hannon 9-0 P
EATON PARK (The Moory Mark) R Alabusts 9-0 STATURETTE (The Why Define) Associates B Palling 8-0 THINKERSELL (Lord Carnarvon) Lord Humbingdon 8-8 ...

SETTING: 11-10 Carlor Royale, 5-2 Tinksibeli, 5-1 Ealon Park, 8-1 Bold Alhean, 10-1 Statuster 1995: TO THE WHIRE B-9 B Rouse (5-2 ter) & Moore 9 mm

FORM FOCUS

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2.50 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE CHALLENGE SERRES HANDICAP (Amateurs: £2,928: 1m 2l) (14 runners)

cast: Good So Fa 9-5. Chayeley Dancer 9-5. Colors Commalter 9-2. Reserve Manualta 8-2. Data Dec 9-1 SETTING: 4-1 Zidie, 5-1 Kingchip Boy, 6-1 Bronza Maquetta, 7-1 Matternston, Charolley Dencer, 6-1 B'athebusiness, 10-1 Scottch Bardo, 12-1 others 1965: BAJAN 4-10-5 P Pritched-Gordon (5-1) Lady Herries 15 ran

Form focus

ZDAC best Pighting Times nack in 19-runous bandisso at selection (1m 24, good) with SCOT-TSH BAMSI (7b better off) about 121 9th and DSPAST (7b better off) SI 7th INFORMATION (7b better off) 121 16th.
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3.20 (All-weather: £3,818: 1m) (9 runners)

Long handicate: Sooty Turn 7-9

BETTING: 3-1 Yeath, 4-1 Erico, lift Teigh, 5-1 Walain Basch, 8-1 Four Of Species, Duke Valentino, 12-1 others 1886: VAHATEVERYS RIGHT 6-8-6 7 Quart (6-1) M Ucher 71 cm

FORM FOCUS

ENTLON 161 and of 8 to My Back Voluntine in handicap at Brighton (71, firm) on perultinate start. FOUR OF SPADES 846 Bit of 14 to Shelfistayes be confidence (as a Proteintact (1m. good to birm) 160 to Confidence (AM) - Value of the Shelfistayes because at Spatial start (1m. good to birm) 160 to Confidence (AM) - Value of the Shelfistayes because at Spatial start SOOTY 1EP9 net; 2nd of 12 to Society and Grant Start Source (1m. 11, good to Louis) on perultinate start.

3.50 MAXIMS HANDICAP (£3,316; 51) (16 rumers)

BETTING: 5-1 Friendly Brann, 6-1 Half Tone, 7-1 Lion, 8-1 Alfyana, 10-1 Dancing Jack, Man Of Writ, Alfwight Than, 12-1 others.

1995; HCKERY BLUE 5-9-13 J Wester (10-1) Mrs N Macmaley 15 mm FORM FOCUS

FRIENDLY BRAVE 1/61 and head 3rd of 19 to
Anexistens in hendicap at Bath (SI, good) with
MANAII BANGER (9th better off) about 81 11th,
ALLWENT TRYEN (2th words off), M1 1/40 and
MAZZARELLO 25 1/70, ALLWEST TREES head
2nd of 5 to Apoths Red in handicap at Brightom (SI
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BRAVE (1th better off) (41 3rd, MAN OF WIT 8/41
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4.20 McCALL GROUP MAIDEN STAKES (DIV II: £3,395: 7f) (9 runners) D LIZIMA 11 (A Weyman) J Fox 4-9-5 R Gochrens

O BRENTABATTY 20 (D Barber) 6 Lewe 3-8-12 S Withhourh 85

20 JAMANCAN FLESHT 222 (Largon) Proxy J Hills 3-8-12 M Heary (5) S COSE IN THE EYE (T Anthony) J Pouton 3-8-12 P McCabe (3) STONE IS JAND (B Cyan) C Open 3-8-12 D McCabe (3) T Outon 0 THE GREY WEAMER 11 (R Flower) R Flower 3-8-12 D McCabe (3) S COMMISSION ROSELLA 20 (Max P Resolute) W Heages 3-8-7 B McSione 85

3- RUMY 200 (H AI Melbourn) C Descised 3-8-7 A McSione 85

3- RUMY 200 (H AI Melbourn) C Descised 3-8-7 A MacSione 95 BETTING: 9-4 Jameican Flight, 4-1 tossi, 5-1 Russy, Crimson Rosella, 8-1 Brenishality, Stock latend, 10-1 others

THIS REPORTED SEVEN 3-8-7 I. Comm (7-2) S Winds 5 mm FORM FOCUS

BRENTABILITY 251 10th of 14 to Nach House of making at Residury (1m, good to sunt). ICSM 110 making at Residury (1m, good to sunt). IAMARCAN 4th to Farancey Waters in accison making at Nothing-Flash 7 2 2m of 6 to Oreasouble in saidon at Nam (67, good to Sunt). RZMV 241 2m to Transiste foothcook (1m, good) on be previously and of States (good).

4.50 INFONET LIMITED STAKES (£3,883: 71 140yd) (6 numers)

(4) 832-11 YEAST 8 (D.F.S) (B Hagges) W Hagges 4-9-11 R Cochrene (B) 11 0-00500 CASTEL ROSSELD 8 (B.D.F.G.S) (T Danson) R Harts 6-9-7 A Markov 95 (B) 4-44250 CONFRONTES 14 (CD.G.S) (Halled Lot) S Door 7-9-7 B Thomson 90 (2) 05000-4 0507000 Y (F) (F) Markov 14 (F) (Halled F) Harts 4-9-7 M Heavy (S) 23 (5) 051226 CUEEN OF ALL BIRDS 43 (C.D.BF.G.S) LJ Arnoul B 8085 5-9-6. Pat Eddary 87 (3) 1- ALHAWA 200 (CD.G) (H M Markovan) C Bensterd 3-8-8. T Dukon 91 BETTRIG: 11-10 Yeard, 7-2 Soleboy, 5-1 Ocean Oi All Birds, 5-1 Affania, 10-1 Contrader, 14-1 Castel Rescala

1006: CREENWCH AMAN 3-5-11 J Red (7-2) T MILL 10 CO FORM FOCUS

YEAST completed double beal Master Charter 11 in 1 24-turner bandicap at Ascot (7f. good to firm).
CASTER ROSSE(0 161 12th of 18 to New Century In Randicap at Thiret, (10, good to 6mm). COM-FRONTER 88 8th of 18 to Star Manager in bandicap

Alambar 31 in 9-turner maidles here (7f. good).
FRONTER 88 8th of 18 to Star Manager in bandicap

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS JOCKEYS Rides. 84 256 Pal Folkery 219 219 Aman Coth 53 19.0 Il Codissa 54 18.9 M Henry 68 17.4 I Quent 24 18.7 J Resó

7.25 THEODORE WEST MEMORIAL SKY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,948, 2m 11 110yd) (7)

ANDICAP CHASE (2.5,946, 210 11 11 uyu) (7)

1 PS01 BALLY PARSON 22 (CD.F.6) R Diction 10-11-10 Mr J Culloty (3)

2 1066 SHREWIJ 30H VS (CD.F.6) R Woodbarz 10-11-4 M Dwyer

2 2411 DEAR DO 21 (F.6,5) N Heroterson 9-10-13 M A Rizgerald

4 4945 RODEO STAR 21 (F.6,5) N Traite 10-10-9

3 1913 SPRINGES STEEL 23 (F.6) F Routed P 10-2 Serrough

6 P1-U DLEBEL PRINCE 34 (E.5) C Egenton 9-10-3

7 0PS MASTER SALESMAN 32 (CD.F.G) Mrs V Ward 13-10-0

D Parker (3)

7.55 R W MARSH NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,355: 2m 6l 110yd) (9) 1 PAB TRUCKSOME 52 (F.G.S) MES H Kinght 3-11-11 Mr J Cullory (S)

1 PAB TRUCKSOME 52 (F.G.S) MES H Kinght 3-11-11 Mr J Cullory (S)

2 PAS FRIAL BEAT 32 J Critis 7-11-4 ... A S Smith

3 FAPS ARTITAR (34 (S.P. N. Hendatison 7-11-0 ... M A Fizzpardid

4 SP2U THE GALLOPHYMAJOR 7 Mrs M Reveley 6-10-11 P. Never

5 44FG BORRY'S MYTH 13 (B) J Leigh 6-10-9 ... K Salah (3)

6 5880 BALAAT 20 (F) M Cacomen 6-10-8 ... W Worthington

7 50RO SAME DEFERBING 30 (F.G.S) A Leigh 8-10-6 ... C Convisi (7)

8 PPULL JANSTON 14 (F.S.) J Poulton 10-10-0 ... 1. O'Thisis

9 6142 JUST CHARLE 139 (F.G.) Mrs Except 7-10-0 ... 1. O'Thisis 7-2 Final Bass 4-1 Trussome 5-1 Agrae Gody 5-Myth 7-1 The Salage maint 8-1 Same Originates, 10-1 Just Charle, 12-1 charts.

8.25 SOUTH WOLD STANDARD OPEN SKY 3.00 HOUGHTON MAIDEN STAKES HATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (3-Y-0: \$3.977: 50 (13) (£1,438: 1m 5l 110yd) (20) Mai(2015: £2,608: 271 OI 110yu) (11)

1 4U82 JUST JACK 12P (F.S.S) P Joneson 10-12-7. ... S Andrews (3)
2 1221 (MNC 3 TRANSME 9 (F.S.S) I Bidding 7-12-4 ... A Badding (7)
3 PTPP CARLY STRIKE TO (F.S.S) MrS S Bedienton 0-12-0 Miles S Recheston 0-12-0
4 3F31 FETTLE UP 32P (B.F.S) MrS S Bedienton 0-12-0
5 F122 90LDEN MOSS 27P (F.S.S) C Codingram 11-12-0
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5 F123 90LDEN MOSS 27P (F.S.S) C Codingram 11-12-0
5 F124 90LDEN MOSS 27P (F.S.S) C Codingram 11-12-0

7-, Ming Pin, 4-) Stoke A Light, 5-1 Sukeak Bril, 6-1 Parative Heart, 7-1 Suaz. Look, 8-1 Welsh Look, 10-1 Nifael, 12-1 Others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: Miles H Kinght, 8 tempers from 20 numbers, 40 6% N Henderson, 3 from 8, 37 5%, J.Jefferson, 6 from 31, 25 8%, N Tinkler, 18 from 76, 23 7%, Mrs. M Revalley, 19 from 81, 23 5% C Egerion, 3 from 14, 27 4% BOOKEYS: Ma J Cullety, A seamers from 9 ridge, 44 4%, J Titley, 5 from 16, 37 3%, 6 Uplate, 3 from 11, 27 3%, P Moven 22 from 107 20 6%, 5 Wenne, 8 Uplate, 7, 17 6%, M Dayte, 16 from 96, 16 7%, 8 Garrity, 9 from 81, 11 1%.

11-4 Tázsi, 3-1 Vithilabbannet, 4-1 Lady Dead, 5-1 Simana Cove. 7-1 Williamss., 8-1 Prante Grove 10-7 Cromaboo Crown, 12-1 others 7.40 NEEDHAM & JAMES HANDICAP SKY HURDLE (£2,960: 2m 110yd) (8)

8.10 JOHN AND NIGEL THORNE

MEMORIAL CUP (Hunters chase armateurs: £2,024, 3m) (6)

6 1122 ZAM BEE 20P (F.S.S) Mrs A Beel 10-12-0 . . . N M Beel (7)
2-1 Zero Bee: 5-2 What A To Do. 9-2 Samply Pertect. 5-1 Gay Pullian 6-1 Paca's
Boy, 14-1 Wreton Hill

STEATEDER 6.15 Nermuro. 6.40 Swing Quartet. 7.10 Conti D'Estruval. 7.40 Indian Jockey. 8.10 Zam Bee. 8.40 Carl Evans: 8.10 Zam Bee. 9-4 Indian Jockey 7-2 Semply, 4-1 General Jerobo, 6-1 Briang 7-1 Vision Of Freedom, 8-1 Cooley's Valve, 12-1 others.

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GOING GOOD TO FIRM 6.15 RICHARDSONS OLDBURY NOVICES CHASE (£4,314: 2m 5i 110yd) (3 runners)

5-4 Bestone, 5-4 Nematro, 3-1 Foots Errand. **6.40** PRAGNELL TROPHY

(Novices hurdle: £2,584; 2m 6l 110yd) (8)

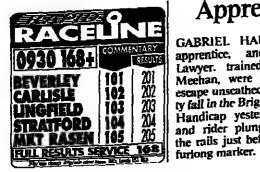
2 USPO SWEETE LUNCHIE TS (LULS) N Tension-Deves 6-13-1
3 GSS3 AN SPAIL PM FANACH 13 (V) M McCormack 7-11-0 A Thornton
4 OP CAMBIEN WAY 111 M Wilkerson 6-11-0. If Farrant
5 -000 FRAZER MASH 58 A Junes 5-11-0. S McHall
6 500 MONU EMTER 17 C Jeckson 6-10-9 W Humphreys
7 FP33 SIGHT'N SOUND 10 (V) D Essent 5-10-9. A Proctor
8 PP24 FANTASTIC FLEET 23 (S) Miss J Dovic 4-10-7. S Curran 6-4 Poster's Bay, 7-2 Swing Ovastel, 9-2 Fantasho Fleet, Sight'N Sound, 6-1 An Spailpan Fanach, 16-1 Mountighter, 20-1 others

7.10 RICHARDSONS DEVELOPMENTS SKY HANDICAP CHASE (£6,913: 2m 5f 110yd) (5)

5-4 Comb D Estrustal, 2-1 Bayerd Deal, 4-1 Glemot, 8-1 Crosula, 13-1 Sydney

8.40 RICHARDSONS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,598: 2m 170yd) (16) 5023 ROLFE 7 (B.BF) D Nacholson 6-11-13 F635 FERRURNO 151 (D.F) P Rich 8-11-11 2 5623 RIDLY 7 (8.89) DIRECTION OF THE STATE 14 GGD PRINCE OF SPADES 42 F Jordan 4-10-0 4-1 Rolle, 9-2 Madame President, 5-1 Mason, 7-1 Valusty, 8-1 Planth Naechrood network 18-1 Aramon, 12-1 West Orient, 14-1 others.

Apprentice escapes injury



GABRIEL HANNON, the apprentice, and Dancing Lawyer, trained by Brian Meehan, were fortunate to escape unscathed from a nasty fail in the Brighton Festival Handicap yesterday. Horse and rider plunged through the rails just before the two-

However, a stewards' inquiry found no-one was to blame.
The stewards ruled that College Night had interfered with Office Hours, who in turn interfered with Lancashire Legend, which resulted in Dancing Lawyer's fall, but they considered the interference was accidental.

BEVERLEY

THUNDERER 2.30 Irish Fiction. 3.00 Pigeon Hole. 3.30 Strategic Ploy. 4.00 North Song. 4.30 Alpine Time. 5.00

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 North Song.

Going: Good to firm Draw: 5f. Low Numbers Best

2.30 LUND CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O. £2,798; 5f) (7 runners) -T-U, z.2, r98; 37) (7 FURINES) (8) 01 FOR OLD TIMES SAKE 11 (D.S) J Berry 9-10. D Carter (4) 2234 INSH FICTION 10 (BF) M Chemon 9-8. Paul Eddary (4) 911 MILL BRD GIRL 16 (D.S) M W Eastwith 9-7 @ Parton (S) (5) 101 LAMPUL 7930 13 (D.S) 9 4 Michaplan 8-6 F. Lynets (S) (2) 04 NATTE 32 A Newcords 8-4 W Ryan (5) 05 COCH-MURIL LAWY 4 N NOS) 9-2 P Kindley (7) SHANDANA P HISTIN 6-7 P Fessiny (S)

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9	(72)	0	MYSTIC MAID 17 J Watt 8-8 L Dedon					
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11	(4)	25-3		91				
12	31		PETARINA Mass J Cream 8-9 D Words (3)	-				
12	(1)	9-0	PIGEON HOLE 17 R Hawar 8-9 David O'Read (3)	72				
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3.30 MIDLAND BANK BRITISH OLYMPIC APPEAL

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ď	5 (1) 30-0 WESTERM HORIZON 15 C Britain 4-8-5 _ M Baird (5)
	6 (8) -004 STRATEGIC PLOY 15 Mrs. J Ramsden 3-8-4 M Deart 7 (2) -000 GLENVALLY 32 (V.G.) B Murray 5-8-7 F Lynch (
1	7 (7) -000 GLEWALLY 32 (V,G) 8 Mouray 5-8-7 F Lynch (
	5 (2) 400- CAMPASPE 286 / Fizgerald 4-8-2 Date O'Next (
1	9 (5) 0600 ROSE CHEME 15 (F) J L Hams 4-8-0 P Fessey (
1	10 (10) 3-02 GOLD DESIRE 36 (G.S) M Britain 6-7-12 D Wright 6	3)
	11 (7) Q/O- DISPOL DANCER 176 Mrs V Accessey 5-7-10 N Kenne	
	12 19) 0-05 NORTHERN CLAN 15 M W Easterby 3-7-10 R Walten (л
	2-1 Strategic Play 7-2 Anchorana Gold Depart, 8-1 Newtr Time, 10-1 Call	mp is
	12-1 Forgan 14-1 palmes	
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4.00 EVERINGHAM MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,127: 1m 1f 207yd) (7)

4-6 North Song, 9-4 Serendipay, 7-2 Blurred, 33-1 Penygian Gavinor, 50-1 Hol Dagging, 66-1 Wiletrein Fil-Dut, Later Lover

4.30 EBF RIDINGS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,782, 51) (8)

CHT-U: L3, 78.2. 31) (3)

BRAWLING SPRINGS AI W Exterby 9-8 & Panish (9)

CHLONEL'S PRINGS AI W Exterby 9-8 & Panish (9)

CHLONEL'S PRINGS AI W Exterby 9-0 & A Coffman

SONIC FOR BROKE P Hacken 9-0 & Canter —

SONIC FOR BROKE P Hacken 9-0 & L Dettor! —

APPRETIME D Loder 8-9 & L Dettor! —

AVERTAIL AT J Crace 8-9 & Paul Eddery —

SHILLALL 27 J O'Shea 8-9 & F Lynch (5)

Type 1 & Canter 1 & Cant 5-4 Alpine Time, 2-1 Spondulctis, 4-1 Aybreight, 8-1 Brawling Springs, 14-1 Going For Broke 20-1 others.

(£3,113: 1m 100yd) (17)

5 (4) 0-00 COMMANUER DAM & P (5) 5 (6) 93
6 (2) 45-0 THATCHED 21 (0.1) R (6) 6 8-11 P (7) 7 (7) 97
7 (5) -060 MURPHY'S GOLD 9 (CD.) H Rahey 5-8-11 R Remark (5) 97
8 (71) 0-40 WESTCOURT PRINCESS IS (8,C.) M W Estably 4-8-1

9-2 Nectional Princess. 5-1 Burn Sceptic, 6-1 Corredy River, 7-1 Common Glen, 8-1 Legal Brief 10-1 Habeta, Talented Ting, 12-1 others.

BEVERLEY: Trainers: D Lode: 13 winners, from 23 minutes, \$6.5%; B Hamon, 5 from 12, 41.7%, H Cacil. 13 from 34, 38.2%, J Gooden, 4 from 14, 28.6%; J Watts, 10 from 39, 26.3%, R Failey, 3 from 13, 23.1%, Jacobeys, W Garson, 21 winners from 68, frides, 90.9%; L Dentori, 12 from 52, 23.1%; W Ryan, 12 from 64, 18.8%, Paul Eddery, 6 from 47, 12.8%; A Culhans, 10 from 85, 11.8%

CARLUS I. Transfers: M Chemon. 9 senters from 15 numers, 60 0%, M Prescoti 12 from 25, 48.0%, Mr. J Ramschen, 12 from 41, 29.3%, Mrs M Reveley, 16 from 66, 24.2%, E Weymes, 4 from 19, 21.1%, J Serry, 16 from 86 18.6%, Jocksys: G Dutfield, 19 womers from 68 moles, 27.9%, J Carroll, 14 from 79, 17.7%, N Datley, 18 from 104, 17.3%, J Vicenes, 7 from 42, 16.7%, N Fallon, 11 from 76, 14.5%. 17 3%, 1 Wester, 7 from 42, 16,7%, 1 Factor, 11 from 76, 14,3%, STRATFORD Trainers; M Pope, 25 whereas from 97 curvers, 26 8%, D Michelson, 12 horor 59, 20,3%, G Basleng, 12 from 63, 19%, K Basley, 13 from 71, 16 3%, R Lee, 4 from 22, 18,2%, N Twiston-Davies, 10 from 62, 16 1%, Jockeys; C Ulevellyn, 14 womers from 68 odes, 20 6%, 8 Dunwoody 18 from 94, 19,1%, A P McCoy, B from 68 odes, 5 Curvan 5 from 35, 14 3%, R Johnson, 3 from 21, 14 3%, S McMain, 9 from 72, 12 5%

CARISE

THUNDERER 2.10 Recondite. 2.40 Tenor. 3.10 Barato. 3.40 Regal Fantare. 4.10 Mister Woodstick. 4.40 Palacegate Touch. 5.10 Zamhareer.

Our Newmarket Correspondent 4.10 SOLDIER MAK (nap). GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

DRAW: 5F-7F 214YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST 2.10 EBF CALDEW MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,794: 5f) (6 runners)

2.40 IRTHING LIMITED STAKES (£2,647: 51) (13) 1 3011 JLEF BOR 2 (CDF, OLS) S Restensit 7-8-4 ... J Fortume 7
2 5401 ROCKCRANCER 4 (E.F.) 6 Response 4-9-6. P Stoomfield 12
3 3200 TENOR 8 (D.S.) D Micholfs 5-9-6 ... M Tebbus 8
4 050- ICLNG FRUDE 204 (D.S.) 8 Micharlan 4-9-8 ... K Danley 4
5 300- METAL BOYS 188 (CD, FG, S) Mes 1. Sodeal 9-9-3 D Narrison 5
6 -003 REMIS MANDR 7 E Alston 5-9-3 ... S D Williams 11
7 6-05 SK POR LUCK 25 (D.F.) 0 Resin 4-9-3 ... N Variety (3)
8 -000 FOLLOWINGSIES 14 (B.D.F.B.S) Mes A King 7-8-0. J Culmi 6
9 -063 PRESIENTE B J J D Neds 3-8-6 ... K Fallon 1
10 -41 LIMERICK PRINCESS 8 (D.S.) J Bory 3-8-6 ... K Fallon 1
10 -40 APRES JOY 31 (CD,F) J Norics 3-8-5 ... Daile Gibbon 10
12 -2-52 PRED CO WHALLEY 10 RB; R Falley 3-8-5 ... M Bach 13
13 BO-0 STATIC LOVE 18 H Michary 3-8-5 ... D MicKetven 3
4-1 Just Boo. 9-2 Lineauth Princies, 5-1 Replacements. 6-1 Tenor, 8-1 Prids Of Whelley, 10-1 Rung Frode, 12-1 Runs Manne, 14-1 others

3.10 BORDER ESK HANDICAP (£3,078: 5l 207yd) (13)

(J.76: 51 ZU/YO) (13)

1 00-4 SELAURSTPARK RLYER 21 (F.B) J Bury 5-10-0 F Roberts (5) 11

2 0-22 MISTER WESTSTUND 4 (B.D.F) Miss L Armail 4-9-6 Duffeed 9

3 3000 BARATO 14 (V.D.F.6) Mis J Ransdom 5-9-7 K Felton 1

4 0000 BROCKHOOD SUN 6 (B.C.D.F.6.5) M Dede 19-4 J Wissens 10

5 3006 H ROCK 77 (D.F.) J Moton 4-9-1 Dede Electron 12

5 006 BLOW DRY 8 (D.F.5) M Wans 6-8-12 K Control 8

6 000 DOMMELJE 5 (C.D.F.7 Eastedy 4-8-7 M Signal 9-9-11. D Hartheon 3

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"From Muck to Eigg is fifteen miles From Eigg to Rhum is further, The finish is at Lewis' butt And all the way is murder'

write of The Challenge: Western Isies Efimole Challenge (Efimole is a company that produces primrose oil) wherein contestants make their way from the south of Barra to the northernmost point on the Isle of Lewis - a distance in excess of 250 miles.

- with apologies to Kipling

Thirty-nine teams and three individuals started in the three-day race on Wednesday, and finish late tonight. The winner receives a statue cast in local stone.

The Challenge is claimed to be the toughest event in the world, entailing 120 miles of running up and down mountains, a similar distance of bike riding, 50 miles of canoeing.

Contestants have back-up vehicles laden with spare boats, bikes and boots; some of these are basic station wagons, others rather grand, bespoke transporters. The one accompanying The City Slickers (three men and one woman from the square mile) displays the day's menu in the window. Yesterday, the first course was Scottish Smoked Salmon Mouse (sic) and from all accounts not sick.

award last night.

mates

equally significant, if lower-

key, comeback. At Goodison

Park, a slim, dark-haired sub-

stitute in a red shirt passed the

ball into the Everton net and

was engulfed by his team-

At the time, it was obvious

that their delight was more

than that of a team at a

winning goal, even against a

team that had beaten them in

the Cup Final, but Paul

Scholes. David Beckham.

Nicky Butt and Gary Neville

knew what the goal signified and what they were celebrat-

ing - Ryan Giggs was back

Later that evening, on the

way to Volgograd, Alex Fergu-

son pointed to the delight.

adding: "Giggsy is their hero."

Asked to amplify his state-

ment the next day, with Giggs

present, he backtracked, but

said: "He is their leader, he

has paved the way for them."

bled start to the season.

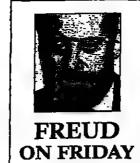
In the University boat race, vessels laden with scriveners chug along behind the oarsmen. Accredited journalists reporting the Tour de France are transported hither and thence in media buses. I witnessed the Los Angeles Olympic marathon from a

press helicopter.

The Challenge offers the hack the choice of sitting atop a mountain with a pair of binoculars or working from anecdotal evidence gleaned in the bar of the Lochmaddy Hotel. To be fair, what occurs is not

wholly compulsive, a sport in which partcipation gives more pleasure than observation. A man on a mountain bike cycles furiously along a minor road, reaches a checkpoint, passes an emblem to a colleague bearing a rucksack containing ordnance survey map, compass and wine gums ... and as the cyclist wipes the perspiration from his brow, his team-mate disappears into the bracken, bound for the hills: when the runner reaches the water, the badge of office is handed to the outfit's canoeist, who is eagerly awaited by his cyclist-colleague across the loch.

The terrain is varied; from the air, the Outer Hebrides would look like a huge camouflage jacket. It is, in fact, rather like the moon, before the moon



crags, rock, brush and bog with the occasional sheep; ever and anon on this, the largest archipelago in Europe; there are telegraph posts.

The effect of the Challenge on the Uists, Benbecula, Harris and Lewis is to punctuate the calm, familiar spring with strange humans; there are in excess of 300 participating and helping; most of them are lost; all of them are looking for someone they cannot find. Many examine ordnance survey maps for they know not where they are, not exactly, not for sure even when they have a six-figure map reference. Signposts are inscribed in Stornaway appears as

I stand by the harbour at Loch Madadh watching a man hose down

a hundred lobster pots; they are for the Spanish, who buy all they can get. sell as langoustines. A woman runs along the road above us: I ask whether she is a member of the local community and the fisherman looks at her, shakes his head: "Any fervour on The Isles is to do with The

Challenge."
At night, in the bar of the local hotel where there are queues for the telephone and the shower room. I drink pints of a beer called "80 Shillings" and agree to go to observe the next day's canoe crossing of the Sound of Harris. Niall Johnson of the Outdoor

Centre says he will pick me up at "Do you have clothes?" Of course.

"Oil silks?" No. "Lifebelt?" No. "I'll see what I can find. See you." Before dawn, he picks me up at the hotel, hands me a waterproof jacket and lifebelt, drives to an inflatable rescue boat the size of an average

dolphin, and tells me to sit behind him, grab his back if I feel the need. It is cold. The sea is choppy. He guns the outboard motor and we skim six miles to the starting point. "Skim" is the wrong word; we start skimming and jump the waves which are about 18 inches high. A quarter of an hour later, my body has been thrown up and thumped down so hard, so often, that I will have to change my height on my passport. My shoes are soaked; average body temperature nil degrees. Fahrenheit. At 6.30, I watch the 37 canoeists

start their crossing. They paddle with dedicated skill and balance. Our rescue boat does not want to cause a swell so we give the kayaks a wide berth, zooming back and forth, my vertebrae getting ever closer to each

fter five miles, 36 boats are strung out, the last three (all women) paddling some two miles behind the leading six. One has

On the roads above Rodel Harbour, the bikers await arrival of their team-mates. Three of them have no mates, only back-ups. Three contestants are paddling, running, biking — doing the distance of three mara-thons a day for three days. I feel guilty about feeling cold and wet.

Brief chats with a team called The Up and Downers consisting of two yuppies, an undertaker and a coffin maker, cheers me up. Tonight, after the prize-giving ceremony, there is to be a ceilidh — a soirée with a binge on top. I shall go to bed ... and I was only watching, only some of it, only for part of the time.

Voters pull the strings

Happenstance? Or shrewd exploitance programming? Whichever, three of tonight's works featured in Classic FM's "Hall of Fame, Alltime Great Hits" compiled recently from the votes of 81,000 of its listeners. Top of the list of 300 titles was Bruch's Violin Concerto No L No surprises there. What did take me aback was that Tchaikovsky's 1812 could manage only 38th place. Even though Dvorák's Serenade for Strings was low in the list, at 204, I was happy that it made it at all. Tonight's soloist in the Bruch is Joshua Bell. I happened to hear him play the Meditation from Massenet's Thais the other day. It sent shivers down my spine.

Seamus Heaney on Air. Radio 4, 9_30pm.

Interviewing the celebrated poet in one of the Kaleidoscope specials that are continuing to strengthen the parent body's grip on the arts, Kate Kellaway can scarcely conceal how deeply privileged she feels to be doing so. I am not implying that she sounds overawed by it all, though that would be understandable given Heaney's eminence. What I mean is that the interviewer is on the same wavelength as the poer. My one regret is that Kellaway's opening statement is made only to the microphone. I should have liked to hear what Heaney thought of her claim that, apart from a new Donegal tweed suit, nothing fundamental had changed for him since winning the 1995 Nobel Prize for Literature.

Peter Donalls

RADIO 1

FM Stereo 4.00am Clive Warren 6.30 Chris Evans 9.00 Smori Mayo 12.00 Lisa l'Anson, incl. at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Nickly Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, incl. at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Essential Selection, with Pete Tong 10.00 One in the Jungle 1.00am Radio 1 Rap Show 3.00 Annie

RADIO 2

Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30 Debble Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Durn 7.00 Maesmo 7.30 Finday Night is Music Night Robin Boyle introduces the BBC Concert Orchestra under lain Sufferland 8.45 The Thirty-Nime Steps, to John Bushan Bada by John Mettles by John Buchan, Read by John Nettler (1/10) 9.00 Listen to the Band 10.00 The Brighton Festival — Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05em Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

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6.00am On Air, with Andrew MacGregor, Includes, Schubert (Cello Sonata in A

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Paul Gambeccini, Haydn (Symphony No 84 in E flat); Schubert (Frühlingsglaube, D686); Karlowicz (Violin

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final programme Nicholas Anderson explores the vast BBC collection of recordings

5.00 The Music Machine: Young Musicians '96 5.15 in Tune, Bell (A South Aincan Symphony); Poulenc (Sonata for hom, trumpet and

trombone); Bizet (L'Arissenne Suite No 2) 7.30 The BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under Mark Wilseley Mark Wiggleaworth, with Artist of the Week: Raphael Oleg, violin: Bestraiven (Overture Corjoten): Totalikovsky (Molin Concerto in D) 8.20 An Artist's Reply 8.40 Shestaliance (Santohorus Ma

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Gavin Bryars (Alanc i or if); Javier Alvarez (Acordeon de Roto Corazoni 12.00 Composer of the Week: Mendelssohn (r) Mendelssohn (r)
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Donald Macleod, Choral
Music, Mozart (Requiem in D
minor, K626) 2.00 Early

Music. Sonatas by Biber, Schmeizer, Mulfat and Fux 3.15 Orchestra of Italian Swiss Radio, Under Niconas Carthy, Beethoven (Triple Concerto), Haydn (Trio in A. H XV 18); Dvorák (Symphon No 9 in Emmor, New World 5.00 Beethoven and Dussel

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News: Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40

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Discs. Pauline Curke talks to
Suc Lawley (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris

Dunkley 10,00-10,30 News; Ballad of the Sed Cafés (FM only). A senes looking at the world of the expatriate cale from the

amateur record, winning the

Olympic heavyweight title in

Seoul, where, coincidentally,

Lewis became super-heavy-

weight champion one bout later. On turning professional, Mercer won the World Boxing

Organisation title by stopping

a good champion, Francesco

Damiani, of Italy, in nine

rounds and then retained his

title by giving Tommy Morri-

son such a beating that it almost ended his career. Mercer has a good chin and

can punch. He has never been

stopped and has disposed of 16

of his 27 opponents inside the distance. After this bout, Lewis

hopes to meet Tyson, the

World Boxing Council cham-

pion, but the latter's lawyers

say that the bout can take place only if Lewis boxes for

Showtime, the television company that has Tyson under contract. If necessary, Tyson

will give up his title to honour

the contract.

a Colombian caté in London (2/4)

10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour

11.30 The Natural History
Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme.
Presented by Derek Cooper
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55
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Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; The Classic Serial: Marriage. Susan Fertier's social comedy dramabsed by Patricia Hannan (2/3) (r) 3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope. Tim Mariow views the William Morris exhibition at the Victor and Albert Museum.

Victoria and Albert Museum and, as a new radio senes
raises the issue, he considers
the relationship between
Picaso and his women
4.45 Short Story: Cormac's Cup
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6.30 Going Places. David Stafford presents the leisure and heritage magazine
7.00 News 7.05 Pick of the Week. Chris Serle presents his selection of extracts from BBC radio and television over the nest count of the selection. the past seven days Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby presents a topical

discussion from Littleover in Derbyshire. This week's panelists are the journalist Ann Leslie, Dr Gerald Malone, MP, Minister of State at the Department of Health, Professor David March College Oxford, and Dawn Primarolo, MP, Shadow

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10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Waugh
on Five Fronts. Read by the
late Simon Cadel (5/5) (r)
11.00 Week Ending, with Sally
Grace and Toby Longworth
11.25 Tee Junction. Patrick
Hannan and his guests take a
sceptical look at the week's
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12.00 News Incl 12.27 Weather
12.30 The Late Book:
Tongues of Flame by Tim
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Giggs nurtures youth culture at Old Trafford

OCTOBER I, 1995, is a date Now, eight months on, that all Manchester United Cantona's contribution as the supporters remember as the light guiding United's young day when Eric Cantona remen has been impressive, but turned to begin his rehabilita-Giggs has not been far behind. Last week, as good a judge as tion, which culminated in the club's championship victory and his footballer-of-the-year Bryan Robson suggested that Giggs has been the key to United's title win. Tomorrow. Three weeks before Cantona a year after his frustrating played that day against Liverfinal against Everton, he is as pool, though, there was an likely to win the game for

United as Cantona. "That final was very disappointing," Giggs said this week, "for me going to the



final as substitute, not being 100 per cent fit, and then the team losing just rounded off the season in which I'd had a

At the time, the doubters questioned whether he would fulfil his rich potential. He has answered in thrilling style. "You must judge a player when he is 23 or 24." Ferguson said, "when he is the finished By that criterion, Giggs, 22,

still has some way to go, but

his game has flourished this season. He is still an exhilarating sight in full flow, but the spells as striker and in midfield have brought a wider appreciation of the game, and a more measured final pass, while his understanding with Cantona is almost uncanny. He is also noticeably at ease

with himself. The role of leader of the young players sits easily on his shoulders. If the arrival of the Nevilles, Scholes, Beckham and Butt means that he is no longer the wunderkind, he insists that he stills plays for the youngsters in United's five a side games.

The young lads have taken a lot of pressure off me now, but I'm still trying to keep my tag as a young lad," he said. Not succeeding, but trying." He is handling the fame and

dulation with poise. "Socially, like any player, you have to be careful where you go and what you do outside football," he said, "but I'm lucky that I and went to school, and I've still got a group of friends I went to school or played football with. With my mates I'm not Ryan Giggs, football player, I'm just Ryan." Tomorrow, he will be Ryan Giggs, football player. With Cantona in the same team, it is a formidable thought.



Giggs in full flow remains one of British football's most exhilarating sights

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Lewis aims to justify praise

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, IN NEW YORK

new Lennox Lewis when he meets Ray Mercer, of the United States, at Madison Square Garden here tonight one that is capable of beating Mike Tyson.

Tommy Fart showed the Americans what a British heavyweight could do when he went the distance with Joe Louis in 1937, the Americans are saying that Lewis is a genuine challenger. Those who saw him during his six weeks' training in the Pocono Mountains were so impressed with him that they could not believe that he was the same man whom they used to decry as just another British no-

After seeing Lewis at work

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perfect samples of a Hoosier Teran I have met with. Fat, chubby, ignorant, and loquacious as Sancho Panza, we could believe nothing he said." MOUTAN

(a) A Balinese dance, with a male chorus. From the Balinese tiak-a-tiak, the sound of the chanted refrain accompanying the dance. The Monkey Dance or Ketjak Ceremonies impressed me more than all other dances and dramas. A Ketjak was heldsolely for our entertainment.

(c) A folktale or story. From the Middle High German mare famous, merechyn a short verse narrative. There is no doubt that the story of the shadowy Anglian king Offa, blended with marchen elements, was well known in England in the time of

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(c) The tree peony, Paeonia suffruticosa, of the family Ranunculaceae, a large shrub bearing pale pink flowers, native to China and Tibet, the parent of many garden varieties producing single or double flowers of many colours.

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(b) An inexperienced, awkward, or unsophisticated person. Unkind racialist toponym from the nickname for a native or inhabitant of the state of Indiana. "Old King is one of the most

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Natural wonders leave us lost for words

The onus on explorers to provide grand names for their discoveries sometimes - obviously - wore them out. They should have taken heed of the Almighty, because after God had named the first batch of animals. he locked the paddock and then forbade Man to leave Eden until he'd worked out names for Hyde Park and Kew Gardens. It's hard to keep thinking up appellations. The number of places called "Cook" in the South Pacific testifies

"What shall we call this one, Cap'n?" said an eager, gap-toothed lieutenant every half hour of the voyage, pointing landwards with a

"Oh not again," replied the great captain, wearily sucking his "What's today?" The sailor consulted a well-thumbed almanac.

"It's Shakespeare's birthday

then. Why do I have to do everything?"

Still, those native peoples who object to their land being named Queen Charlotte Sound, or Mount Cook, or Easter Monday Island are lucky that the majority of the naming was done 200 years ago. Because in last night's Wildlife on One: Lost Lakes of the Pacific (BBC!, not Scotland) it transpired that the craft is lost. A set of unique and amazing "marine lakes" is being explored by an American scientist called Larry, who seems to be too modest to name everything after himself. Sapphire blue from the air, and set amid the densely vegetated emerald islands of Palau, these lakes have trapped marine life in salt water and changed it into new forms. Ghostly jellyfish swim languorously upside down, and the water is opaque and soupy, with vivid bands of colour. One of these lakes has acquired a

"Mrn. Well, call it Attrib Island, name. And this is it: Spooky Lake. You see? Dreadful. Even Lake Spooky sounds better than Spooky Lake. Years ago they would have called it Lake Clinton, with no shame; but now we call it Spooky Lake because it's, well, weird, David Attenborough had to pronounce this name last night, and I'm quite sure I sensed shock in his voice. When the upside-down jellyfish was said to be called the Upside-Down Jellyfish "for obvious reasons", he inserted a slight chuckle, but nobody was fooled, Clearly Larry has been so long among new species that he has run out of ideas. Cook Syndrome, they

> obviously they won't. alling a new series about Britain's European policy ✓ The Poisoned Chalice (BBC2) was rather clever, however. It suggests intrigue. Borgiastyle, and a rattling good yarn.

could call it. But on the other hand,

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

And best of all, it eschews the word "Euro", which research has shown can reduce quite lively British people instantly to a pulsating mindless state not unlike an upside-down jellyfish with no hope of the open sea.

For the first 15 minutes of last night's first episode, umpteen former diplomats recalled postwar British Prime Ministers infallibly making the wrong choices about

There was unfamiliar footage of Brussels and Rome, and a wry commentary from Michael Ellion. Basically, it was a cautionary tale about being too smooty to join in the first place, and then paying the consequences. You don't snub a French bruiser like General de Gaulle, for example, and get away with it.

You remember that big pea called Cannon Ball in the old frozen pea commercials? It came bouncing along late, and wasn't allowed into the packet? The story of The Poisoned Chalice was exactly like that, down to all the little continental peas giggling and thumbing their noses safely inside. "Ne pleurez pas, milord." de Gaulle told Macmillan gleefully (quoting Piaf), sending him away with a flea in his ear. Last night's title, A Kind of Betrayal, referred to a key meeting in January 1963

European unity, and it was honestly a bit boring. But it picked up. between Edward Heath and Maurice Couve de Murville — a meeting at which the Frenchman said encouraging things and failed to mention that de Gaulle would veto Britain's application in two days' time. The veto was a national humiliation, but there was nothing we could do about it. As Elliott saucily remarked: "The British did not take de Gaulle's veto lying down. They cancelled a visit to Paris by Princess Margaret."

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can't make up my mind about Airport (BBCI), but the visit of President Clinton through Heathrow last night was a good interlude. The President (who remains lakeless, I believe) arrived in one aircraft, walked along some red carpet, and left again in three minutes. According to Anita (official VIP greeter), the visit had taken six months to prepare. She said her job was to make it look easy - like a swan gliding on derneath. It is unusual for real people on television to employ striking similes of this kind. In the down-to-earth world of groundstaff, it was especially surprising. My uncertainty about Airport is that I don't know whose side I'm

water, while paddling like mad un-

on. The public are always whingeing; at Customs, they are obstructive; the officials are continually accused of racism. But having been a passenger all my life, I can sympathise with the frustration of exhausted people held in conditions tantamount to mental torture. The cheerful PC featured in the series - Dave - is apt to tip back his helmet in times of crisis, and offer the benefit of his experience, which is infallibly trite. "You see, the problem is that there is never an easy answer," he tells stranded, tired passengers. Which makes me personally so irritated that I want to knock off his helmet

6.00am Business Breakfast (27584) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (58855) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Cesiax) (4526855)

9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (8) (7702316) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (6036958) 10,30 Good Morning with Arms and Nick (s)

(72251) 12.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (1949126)

12.05pm Going for a Song (s) (5254958) 12.35 Going for Gold, General knowledge quiz presented by the krepressible Henry Kelly (s) (4671478)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Cestax) and weather (51942)

1,30 Regional News and weather (62851652) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (a) (69389565) 2.00 Moon over Miemi (Cesfax) (s)

2.50 Today's Gourmet, Swordflah (s)

3.15 Secret Life of Toys (r) (s) (2925382)
3.30 Playdays (f) (s) (2608497) 3.50
Monster Cafe (f) (s) (6693010) 4.10
Little Mouse on the Prairie (Ceetax) (s) (5040958) 4.36 Clarisas Explains It All (r) (Ceetax) (s) (2997942)

5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (7429774)

5.10 Blue Peter (Ceefax) (8) (6296381) 5.35 Neighbours. Hanneh becomes a feehion victim while Cheryl and Angle suffer for their sport (r) (Ceelex) (s) (281010) 8.00 Str. O'Clock News (Castax) (923)

6.30 Regional News megazines (403) 7.00 Wipeout. Paul Daniels hoets the gameshow (Ceetex) (s) (1861) WALES: 7.00 Don't Look Back (1861)

8.00 Only Fools and Horses: A Losing Streek, With David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst (r) (Ceefax) (4381)

snocker gameshow. This week's experts are Dennis Taylor, David Ros and Jason Ferguson. Trick-shot master John Virgo keeps order as usual (Csefax) (s) (6316) 9.00 Nine O'Clock Neves (Csefax) regional

news and weather (4316) 9.30 999. Michael Buerk and Juliet Morris present stories of herolem and bravery. This week, a seamen's catalogue of errors that led to disaster on a sandbank 12 miles of the Essex coast, and the woman who felt like Superman when she came to the rescue of footballer

Steve Nicol (Ceefex) (s) (880045)

10.20 Fil.M: Mad Max (1979) Fantasy adventure which made a star of Mel Gibson. In the desolate near-future, after the breakdown of law and order, the Main Force Patrol pursue the victous motorcycle gangs who roam the wastelands, attacking what is left of civilisation. Directed by George Miller

(Ceetax)(1922126) 11.50 FILM: Psycho (1960, b/w) with Anthony Perkins and Janet Leigh. Classic horrorsuspense thriller directed by Affred Hitchcock (Ceefax) (689229)

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6.00am Open University

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4611584) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r). (Ceefax) (39720) 8.00 The Really Wild Show (r) (s) (7435590) 8.25 The Little

Polar Bear (r) (2930768) 8.30 William's Wish Wellingtons (r) (s) (7176584) 8.40 The Record (s) (8831565) 9.05 Daytime on Two: Job Bank (9013861)

9.15 Teaching Today (355923) 9.45 Watch (5783213) 10.00 Playdays (19478) 10.30 Cats' Eyes (2482213) 10.45 Cosmo and Dibe in Punjabi (2487768) 11.00 Look and Read (3949590) 11.20 English Time (9451126) 11.40 The RE Collection (7986478) 12.00 English File: Death of a Salesman (16294) 12.30pm Working Lunch (44565) 1.00 Shakespeare: The Animated Tales (59584) 1.30 Showcase (62946774) 1.45 Words and Pictures (62941229) WALES: 1.55-3.55 Welsh Labour Conference (82131403)

2.00 The Little Polar Bear (r) (41592039) 2.05 William's Wish Welfingtons (s) (41584010) 2.10 Open View (41689519) 2.15 Global Warning (41671590)

2.20 FILM: Wojeck — Out of the Fire (1992). Refugee drams with John Vernon. Directed by George Bloomfield (832687)

4.00 Today's the Day (s) (316) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (300) 5.00 Eather (s) (3039)

5.30 The Wartime Kitchen and Garden (r) (Ceofax) (652) 6.00 Shooting Stars. Spool quiz (r) (Ceelax) (s) (565). WALES: The Transatlantic

sions (565) 6.30 The Champions. Fantasy espionage series (r). (Ceelax) (232381) WALES: 6.30 Watch Out (777213) 6.40-6.30 Scrum 5 Live; Pontypridd v Cardiff

7.20 Watch Out, Wildlife news (s) (872949) 7.30 The Transatiantic Sessions Folk and country music (Ceefax) (s) (229)

(2923) 8.30 Gardeners' World (Ceelax) (s) (4958)



French and Havers (9.00pm)

9.00 Murder Most Horrid: Girl Friday. (Ceefax) (s) (2958) 9.30 The High Life. Airline comedy (r) (Ceefax) (s) (37229) WALES: 9.30 Top Gear Motorsport (37229)

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10.00 Have I Got News for You (s) (17923)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceetax) (362039)
11.15 Fantasy Football League (s) (434039).
WALES: Weish Lobby (434039) 11.45
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Knopfler (1035508) 11.45 This Life (t) (Ceelax) (s) (206774) 12.30am Later Presents Mark Knopfler in Concert (t) (s) (3344072). Ends at 1.45

CHOICE

Tomorrow's World BBC1,730pm

A robotic vacuum cleaner had to come and Tomorrow's World, ever on the alert for apportunities to bring science into the living room, is the perfect place to demonstrate it.
The task falls to Philippa Forrester, though since the machine is fully automated all she has to do is provide a commentary. Combining a radar system with an on-board computer, this dream appliance steers itself around a room, sucking up the dirt and avoiding the furniture. But it is only a prototype and Tomorrow's World has been known to get excited about inventions that are never heard of again. Let us hope that this is not true of an unlikely treatment for blood clots developed by a Mexican biochemist. He has found something in the saliva of the vampire bat which can dissolve clots without causing a haemorrhage.

Garden Party Channel 4, 8.00pm

Too many gardening programmes on television concentrate on the best and ignore the reality for so many of us of lousy soil and invasive weeds. By allowing amateur gurdeners to put their problems to the experts, Garden Party is filling a gap (though radio buffs will point out that Gardeners Question Time has been doing much the same thing since 1947). Programme two comes from Dorset and takes amateurs and professionals to lvy notable for its unusual perennials, moistureloving plants and trees and shrubs. The psychiatrist turned horticulturalist Tom Barber is joined by Carol Klein, a specialist in rare plants, and David Jones, who is in charge of parks and gardens for the Corporation of London. Video diarles continue to provide a check on how the experts' advice is working out.

Expert Witness: A Family Man ITV, 8.30pm (Granada region, May 17)

Michael Gambon presents another reconstructed true murder case in which the crime-solver turns out to be not a dogged detective but a man in a white coat. A motorist who has stopped in a Derbyshire layby is robbed, shot and left for dead, it does not take the police long to find the culprits.

One informer helpfully supplies the names and another passes on information about the whereabouts of the murder weapon. If only it was always that easy, you might think. But it is still up to the forensic expert to tease out the vital evidence that will connect the men with the crime. The ease with which he does so tends to rob the story of suspense. But it is clear-up rate for crime is modest, there are

Murder Most Horrid: Girl Friday BBC2, 9.00pm

Dawn French returns to display her comic talents in six more improbable tales of the macabre. This is the third series of Murder Most Horrid and if tonight's script by Paul Smith is a shade below the best, French's exuberance as usual wins through. She plays Sally, one of those super secretaries, sorry, personal assistants, who is so efficient that she has done her boss's Christmas cards by June. But a fondness for a lunchtime drink or several, means that by the afternoon she is not only pie-eyed but liable to be embarrassingly indiscreet. When her boss (Nige) Havers) is questioned by the police about the death of his wife, the resourceful Sally prepares the perfect alibi for him and than tederalized is the resourceful. then undermines it by saying all the wrong things. The final twist is unexpected and worth waiting for.

Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (8769818)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (7814107) 9.55 Regional News (Telelext) (2271768) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (8) (6689045)

10.35 This Morning (50948039) 12-20pm Regional News (Teletaxt) (1938010) 12.30 ITN Lunchtime News and weather (Teletext) (4763403)

12.55 Entertainment Today (s) (4675294) 1.25 Liz Earle's Lifestyle (a) (1064045) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (a) (19859671)

2.25 Murder, She Wrote: For Whom the Bells Tolls (8) (7139497)

3.20 ITN Name headlines (Teletext) (7983942) 3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7982213) 3.30 Rosie and Jim (r) (s) (5287215) 3.45 The Treade People (s) (1329565) 3.55 Bimble's Bucket (s) (1560756) 4.25 The Geeks (s) (5950361)

4.50 Hang On (8) (9390010) 5.10 A Country Practice (a) (9858855) 5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext)

6.00 Home and Away. Fin asks Irene to be the surrogate mother of her child and Steven and Selina realise they are latting in love (r) (Teletext) (s) (287855) 6,25 Regional News (Teletext) (445768)

7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right(Teletext) (s) (3229)



Gregson and Lawson (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Jim (Charles Lawson) has advive for his wayward son Slave (Simon Gregson) (Teletext) (855) 8.00 The Bill: Rollover. When an informer tries to buck the system. Deakin comes down hard and gets an unexpected result (Teletext) (8749)

8.30 Expert Witness: A Family Man (2/7) (Teletext) (s) (8584) 9.00 Soldier, Soldier: Disintegration. Packy Garvey's new status as a lonely bachelor seems to take a turn for the better when he encounters Christine Messerer (r)

10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (11749)

10.40 Fil.M: Say Anything (1989) with John Cusack and lone Skye. Teenage romantic comedy. Directed by Cameron

Crowe (29048792) 12.35 Hotel Babylon (s) (6811782) 1.15 The Good Sex Guide...Late (s)

2.15 FILM: In Search of a Golden Sky (1984) with Charles Napier. An uncle fights to keep his orphaned nephews and nieces. Directed by Jafferson Richard (536459) 4.00 Not Fade Away. (r) (s) (78614)

5.00 On the Live Side (17169) 5.30 TTN Morning News (95850). Ends at

As HTV WEST except: 6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (445768) 10.40 Wales This Week (360720) 11.10 Film: Frankenstein Unbound (686497)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.55 Coronation Street (4675294) 1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (31348497) 1.55 Home and Away (39613010) 2.25 High Road (19932958)

2.55-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (6626942) 5.10 Home and Away (9858855) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (49010) 10.30 Westcountry News (650881) 10.45 Film: Enter the Dragon (14193841)

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8.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (445768) 10.40 Film: Blue Thunder (75126809)

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2.20 The Chart Show (7713324) 3.15 Dear Nick (6057506) 4.10 Jobfinder (6948237) 5.20 Asian Eye (3182256)

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(7086229) 5.10 Home and Away (9858855) 5.37 Three Minutes - Your Story (523836) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News; Weekend Weether (803861)

6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (49010) 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (650861) 10.45 Only a Gamel (424652) 11.15 Hunter (431768)

12.10em Music Box Profile (3675762) 5.00 Freescreen (17169)

Starts: 6.35 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (5300519) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (41565) 9.00 The Pink Panther (7708590) 9.25 Film: Once Upon a Time (43161045) 11.00 Wild India (40836) 12.00 Sesame Street (58768) 1.00pm Stot Melthrin (44652) 1.30 Film: Weak and Wicked (92159768) 3.05 Film: An Inspector Calls (9189519) 4.30 An Inspecto Inspector Calls (9185019) 4.30 An Inspector Calls (768) 5.00 Pump: Nec Nec (8107) 5.30 Fifteen to One (720) 6.00 Newyddion (643497) 6.15 Heno (250132) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (565565) 7.25 Jhwl Jhwl (723478) 8.00 Chib Calls (000) 8.00 Newyddion (643497) 6.15 Heno (250132) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (565565) 7.25 Jhwl Jhwl (723478) 8.00 Chib Calls (000) 8.00 Newyddion (643478) 8.00 Ctwb Garddio (9949) 8.30 Newyddion (6126) 9.00 Y Rhyfel Rhwng (718213) 9.50 Britannia (334923) 10.00 Brookside (15519) 10.30 Rory (34923) 1000 Brootstate (139) 10.30 Holy Bremner — Who Else? (366855) 11.10 Eurotrash (928294) 11.40 Flava (704949) 12.15am Film: Hollywood Shuffle (889898) 1.45 Film: The Body Stealers (543053)

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7.00 The Big Breakfast (41565) 9.00 The Pink Panther (s) (7708590)

9.25 FILM: Once Upon a Time (1944, b/w) starring Cary Grant as a Broadway producer in need of money, who sees has financial salvation in a dancing caterpillar. Directed by Alexander Hall (43161045)

11.00 Wild India. Animal sanctuaries (r) (Teletext) (s) (40836) 12.00 Garden Party (r) (Teletaxi) (s) (59890) 12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (37478) 1.30 Alfred J. Kwak (r) (39709881) 1.55

Raindance (56178768) 2.00 FILM: A Woman's Face (1941, b/w). Classic melodrama, starring Joan Crawford. Directed by George Cukor

(Teletext) (1768) 4.00 Australia Wild (Teletext) (584) 4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (768) 5.00 Rescue (r) (Teletext) (s) (8107) 5.30 An inspector Celle: Car Capers (r)

(Teletext) (s) (720) 6.00 Hangin' with Mr Cooper: It's a Matter of Principle (Teletext) (s) (285497) 6.25 Happy Days (r) (Teletext) (362010)

6.50 Terrytoons followed by Murun Buchstensangur (855045) 7.00 Channel 4 News and weather (Teletext)

7.55 Book Choice Jonathan Keats reviews An Italian Education by Tim Parks (Teletext) (s) (986774)



8.00 CHOICE Garden Party (Teletext) (5949) 8.30 Brookside (Teletext) (8) (6126)

9.00 Cybili. American sit-com starring Cybili Shepherd (Teletext) (s) (4126) 9.30 Father Ted: Flight Into Terror. Last, in the series. Flying back from a visit to a holy shrine, the priestly trio find themselves in mortal danger With Ardal O'Henion, Dermot Morgan and Frank Kelly (Telefaxt) (a) (59497) 10.00 Roseanne (Telefaxt) (a) (15519) 10.30 Hory Bremner — Who Else? More

topical, satirical impressions. With John Fortune and John Bird (s) (388855) 11.10 Eurotrash presented by Jean Paul Gaultier and Antoine de Caunes (5/8) (s)

11.40 Flava. (5/6) Videos by some of the most popular black music-makers of today (s) (704949) 12.16 FILM: Hollywood Shuffle (1987). A

black satire starring Anne-Marie Johnson and Starletta Dupois. Directed by Robert Townsend. (889898) 1.45 FILM: The Body Stealers (1969).
Starring George Sanders as a Nato
official confronted with the bizarre
disappearance of peratroopers in mid-

descent. Directed by Geny Lavy

(543053). Ends at 3.20am

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (65671) 8.30 What-A-Mess (50552) 8.00 Press Your Luck (7716823) 9.20 Love Connection (9817590) 9.45 The Oprah Wining Show (4683590) 10.40 Jeoperdyl (9918855) 11.10 Saily Jessy Raphael (3139316) 12.00 Beetry (74774) 1.00pm Hotel (87294) 2.00 Geraldo (5831) 3.00 Court Ty (6768) 3.30 The Oprah Wining Show (7356395) 4.15 Undun (7494361) 5.00 Ster Trek (5120) 6.00 The Smpsons (4039) 6.20 Jeopardyl (1519) 7.00 LAPD (6749) 7.30 M**5*14 (5313) 7.00 LAPD (6749) 7.30 M**5*14 (5313) Jenny's (2132) 8.00 Walker Texas Ranger (37213) 10.00 Ster Trek (3000) 11.00 Metrose Place (61107) 12.00 The Late Show with David Lefterman (2139995) 12.45am Carl Wars (528612) 1.30 Anylong But Love (41237) 2.00 Hit Mix SKY NEWS SKY ONE

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Flat of Justice (1993) (790512) 1.15am Jack Renot A Search for Justice (1995) (426614) 2.45 Sen, Love and Cold Hard Cash (1993) (7856121) 4.10 Adolf Hitler — My Part in His Downfall (1972)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm The Day the Earth Stood Stiff (1951) (4584) 6.00 His Girl Friday (1940) (96958) 8.00 Rocky IV (1985) (31403) 10.00 The Untouchables (1867) (65264671) 12.05 Supervisens (1975) (0) (12970430)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL 6.00am Little Nemo: Adventures in Stumberland (1983) (50584) 8.00 Sher-lock Holmes: The Valley of Feer (1983) (94855) 9.00 The Three Musicipers (1962) 94.00 1.00 (1976) Musicifiers (1982) (66836) 10.00 3:10 to Yuma (1957) (91497) 12.00 Children of the Dark (1984) (60126) 2.00pm Tropic Zone (1953) (23294) 4.00 Sheriock Holmes: The Valley of East (1969) 75.00 (1968) (1963) (23294) 4.00 Sheriock riomes: The Valley of Feer (1963) (6478) 5.00 The Three Municipers (1992) (659) 6.00 Seduced by Evil (1994) (7704) 7.30 UK Top Ten (4823) 8.00 The Browning Version (1994) (17403) 10.00 True Romanec (1993) (62382) 12.00 Modoruma Manes (1993) (62382) 12.00 Modoruma (1993) (617256) 1.45am Shadow of a Doubl (1995) (196169) 3.20 MacGyeer. Trail to Deemsday (1993) (69812904)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4em.

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10,00 Sumo (61294) 11,00 International Motorsports Report (25519) 12,00-12,30am Pro Wrestling (45661)

SKY SPORTS 7,00am Futbol Mundial (14403) 7.30 Wresting — Action Zone (9/768) 8.30
Recing (35478) 9.00 Aerobas (22958) 9.30
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SKY SPORTS 2 7.00pm The Winning Post Stratford and Market Rasen (666:0805) 9.00 US PGA Golf GTE Byron Nelson Classic (9692/039) 11.00 European Golf PGA Tour Spanish Open (9306519) 12.30em-1.00 Inside the PGA Semor Tour (7652091)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL a norm Thought for the Day 4.05 Worshop 4.15 kids TV 4.30 Living Word 5.00 Yolce of Victory with Kenneth and Glona Copeland 5.30 Christian Music TV 5.45 Living Word 6.15 This is Your Day with Benny Hinn 6.45-7.00 Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP 7.00am Guiding Light (8525687) 7.55 As the World Turns (2540720) 8.50 Peyton Place (7860774) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (1535294) 10.10-11.00 Another World

11.00am Globebotter (6741652) 11.30

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12.30pm Bruce and Bob Eat America (3424652) 1.00 Getawar (2161630) 1.30 Great Escapes (3423923) 2.00 Plonda



Albert Finney and Greta Scacchi (Movie Channel, 8.00pm)

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Indians dented by Hick's hammer

By Michael Henderson

three): Worcestershire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 91 runs ahead of the

NO MATTER what the outside world thinks of Graeme Hick — and nobody, surely, can be neutral on this issue in Worcester, he stands taller than Napoleon or Bismarck. He could stroll down New Road in his birthday suit and people would reassure him: "Oh my, Mr Hick, how fine are your garments today."

They stood to him yesterday after he made the tenth dou-ble-century of his career against an inadequate attack and, though he rarely gives the impression of enjoying his batting, he did at least acknowledge the reception. As Hick assaulted the bowlers

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with a power that only Graham Gooch, among modern English batsmen, can approach. It was daunting, as the monumental is, but it was also a bit boring.

How, some curious souls may wonder, can it ever be boring watching a talented batsman dominate a day's play so completely against international opponents? He found the boundary 30 times and struck Hirwani, the leg spinner, for six sixes. Does that not denote a formidable range of stroke?

Up to a point, it does. Only an implacable foe would deny that he played well. Kumble, who bowled so splendidly for Northamptonshire last year treatment, was pulled, swept and cut by a man for whom wrist spin clearly held no terrors. That was the case three years ago, when Hick made 187 against the Australians on this ground before Shane Warne was avenged in the Test series that followed.

Where Hick is concerned, we really ought to hold our

short of his thirtieth birthday, he has blossomed into a Test batsman of indisputable class. He ended last summer strong-ly, wintered well in South Africa and is now a fixture in the national team although, tellingly, nobody trusts him to bat for England where he has always done for Worcestershire - first wicket down.

It would be more truthful to say that he remains the same player, with the same virtues and the same failings. He has never been the most handsome batsman, and never will be even if he doubles his tally of 86 first-class hundreds. Nobody plays more effectively against bowling at this level. which is why such an innings, though bracing, was utterly without significance. His most pleasing strokes

came against Kumble in the morning, when he cut the bowler three times for four, late and — for him — almost gently. After lunch, with a hundred completed and a second one coming into view, Hirwani went for 27 runs in an over that included three sixes. There was not much that this Indian team could do about it on a slow pitch, with no Srinath to call on.

Prasad, who has a nice steady action, will partner Srinath in the Tests. There is nobody else, except Mham-brey, who looked ordinary yesterday. Kumble everybody knows about; he can bowl and will serve India well when the weather improves and limbs get looser. As for Hirwani, on this showing, it could be a profitless summer.

Hick had some help. With Veston, he added 300 in 61 overs, a county record for the second wicket. Weston perished two runs short of a hundred. After his departure, and Hick's the next over to a catch at mid-wicket, minds wandered. In the pale evening sunshine, the cathedral looked

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Hick crashes the ball to the cover boundary during his double-century for Worcestershire against the Indians at New Road yesterday

Knighton ventures south in vain

York City...

BY OUVER HOU

TWELVE days after parents ied sobbing children from the stands and ambulancemen tended to spectators injured by missiles hurled by spectators invading the pitch, a match that should only ever have been a routinely mediocre and desperate relegation battle claimed one last casualty yesplaying at the Goldstone Ground.

in an act of compelling, if unwitting, mock-heroism, Michael Knighton, the Carlisle United chairman and one-time meddler in Manchester United, journeyed the length of the country in the

ic about sanity. Thus,

though there was an

earth-shattering outbreak of

sanity at Maine Road on

Wednesday, and though the

standard issue ceitt on the

public address system used

the word "historical" exactly

317 times, this could never be

anything other than a hum-

Wigan, the rugby league side and England's finest sporting dynasty of recent

times, took on Bath, who seek

the same goal in rugby union.

I do not know quite how

many times I have written

that this would never happen

-- about 317? -- but at least I

However, I was wrong in

thinking that it would matter.

It does not mean a thing that

Wigan won S2-6 under league

rules, nor will it matter who

wins under union rules at

Twickenham when the dubs

play the second leg of the challenge on May 25.

there" occasion. If so, it was

not to witness a miracle — it

was a pilgrimage, a mere act of piety. We knelt briefly

before the altar of history and

For this was merely a

quarrel from last century. It

was not a marital orgy of reconciliation; it was the truly

shocking discovery that it was

possible to have a civilised

drink with someone with

whom you have been quarrel-

ling bitterly for 101 years.

passed on.

It was a billed as an "I-was-

was right about the result.

forlorn hope of seeing Brigh-ton deny York City the point that they needed to save themselves and send Carlisle into the third division of the Endsleigh Insurance League.
When it was over and York had rubbed salt into the wounds by coasting to a comfortable victory, Knighton marched over to the press box and launched a stolid attack on the iniquities of the Football League allowing the game to be replayed so long after Carlisle had finished their tramme. He said that

he would meet his lawyers

today to discuss further action.

"I shall be seeking an audience with the League," Knighton told a sympathetic reporter from Radio Cumbria, "although I probably have a better chance of an audience with the Pope."

have forgotten the events of April 27, when the first athad foundered after 15 minutes. Brighton supporters ran on to the pitch to protest about the sale of their ground and a scheme to share with Portsmouth, ripped down nets and goalposts and attempted to storm the directors' box. The referee abandoned the game.

Yesterday, the news in Brighton was all about a man who had been caught wearing from Chris Eubank, while the faces of the players from the team that lost the 1983 FA Cup Final to Manchester United stared out from the back page of the local paper, as if they were relics from another age. Inside the Goldstone, pacified. perhaps, by the abandonment

the promise of another year at the stadium they have occupied for 94 years, the home supporters stood serenely behind the goal, out-numbered and out-shouted by York's. There were a few half-hearted chants aimed at David Bellotti, the chief executive, a few more of "sack the board", but this was an Ilam kick-off,

There was a brief pitch away supporters in the South Stand when Gary Bull volleyed in York's equaliser in the 54th minute. There were further eruptions when Stephenson put York in front with a curier from the edge of the area two minutes later and when Jordan wrapped things

notion that no player is bigger

than the game, forgetting that,

without players, there is no

(RFU), perhaps put out by the

outbreak of peace between the

two codes, is enmeshed in a

series of shattering rows with

everybody else. It is fighting

the other rugby nations on the

one hand and all the leading

clubs on the other. It is a double-whammy of genius — other sporting bodies could

effortlessly encompass either

one, but perhaps only the

for a democracy without politicians. We, as speciators,

though, should appreciate the

h, to have a sport

without officials — well, may as well pine

RFU could manage both.

The Rugby Football Union

after all. The crowd of 2,106

was Brighton's lowest since

up with a right-foot shot after 88 minutes. Rowe, the Brighton for-

ward, and Sharples, the York central defender, kept the spirit of the previous encounter alive when they were sent off for fighting on the hour. In the stands. Knighton was doing his bit. too, When he was asked about why the York City chairman had appeared to gesture dismissively at him when the third goal went in, his reply was succinct. "Don't ask me to talk about the York get arrested,"

BRIGHTON (4-3-3) N Rust — P Smith (sub S Fox, B4rmin), D Allen, G Hobeon (sub J Byrne, 28), S Mystl — D Wish'rs, G Parmy, D Muncles (sub J McDougaid, 70) — Z Rowe, C Magkell, S Storer — 2 Howe, C Magnes, S storer VORK CTT (4-4-2): D kely — A McMillen, J Sharples, P Altin, P Albinson — G Murty (sub) D Willems, 87), N Pepper, S Jordan, P Slaphanoon — G Naytor (sub) R Cresswell, 54), G Sulf Referee: G Pooley.

Liverpool find added motivation in England selection

MANCHESTER United go to Carling Premiership double in three years. Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said that win to remove a feeling of frustration at a season of 'slight under-achievement".

"We've had a reasonable season." Evans said before the team left for their Wemble; headquarters yesterday, "If we win the Cup, we will have had how you've done as a team

"I felt we could have won the Premiership. On our day, we are as good as anybody some days, we can be absolutely fantastic - but, on others, there is a bit of naivety. I think the players have ma-tured individually, but we need to mature as a team."

If Liverpool needed motivation for the FA Cup Final, Terry Venables may have unwittingly provided it when squad on Wednesday. The Collymore and David James on the outside looking in will give the pair every incentive to excel at Wembley, with a rare opportunity to display their wares to the England coach. The omission of James, who was voted the best goalkeeper in the Premiership this season by his peers, in particular has stung Liverpool.

"Terry has got a lot of strikers to pick from and I know how hard it is picking your own team." Evans said. The one we expected more to be in the squad was David James. He has had a fantastic season, but we don't pick the England team."

Evans was announcing his team to the players last night. a task that he was not looking forward to. "Telling people they are not playing in a Cup Final is horrible and it was the first thing I thought when I woke up this morning." he

☐ Georgi Kinkladze, the Manchester City and Georgia midfield player, was reported yesterday to be having talks in Spain with Barcelona.

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For years, union players have heard that they will never last the pace or the



lessons to be learnt from

a footnote in rugby history

physical challenge of rugby league. On Wednesday, Catt and his colleagues gave and took their big hits, and then ragged at the start, but they actually got better, and they actually scored a try. True, they got hammered and Wig-an eased up, but they tackled their brains out. They had, to employ the mantra of the great Ellery Hanley, put their bodies on the line.

Athletes are not interested in making history, they are interested in competition, and the Bath players were alight with the delights of confrontation. They had lost a game, but they had passed a test of manhood and of their selfesteem as professional ath-

The colonel's lady and Judy O'Grady are sisters under the skin. Well, it is now clear that the stars of Varsity match and St Patrick's School, Wigan are siblings too. Or to switch poets on you, Allen Ginsberg once declared that the world's problems would be solved the instant Khrushchev and Kennedy got naked together. At last, the two codes got together in the form of players rather than officials, in naked competiton — and they discovered, shock-horror, that tearing lumps off each other was

bloody good fun. For sport is about players. not about the power-crazed gerontocracy that runs it men, mostly, convinced forever that the only sporting truths are to be found in the days

Wigan pose threat in union sevens

IN THE first of two visits to Twickenham, Wigan have a better chance of embarrassing rugby union, by winning the Middlesex sevens tomorrow, than of upsetting Bath in the second leg of the cross-code challenge, under union laws, on May 25 (Christopher Irvine

Martin Offiah, the scorer of six tries in the 82-6 league leg on Wednesday, played im-pressively for Rosslyn Park in the 1987 Middlesex final, after which he joined Widnes. Offiah has a sevens pedigree in both codes. He scored four tries for Wigan in the 1991 rugby league world sevens

Va'aiga Tuigamala, Scott

Quinnell, who is bound for Richmond, and Shem Tatupu. the Western Samoa forward. are fellow converts from union in Wigan's squad for their Twickenham debut. Fitness checks will be carried out on Tuigamala, Rob Smyth and Simon Haughton.

Alan Tait, the Leeds and former Scotland union full back, is to play union in winter and league in summer for both Leeds clubs.

Cardiff Arms Park is the rearranged venue for the Stones Super League game between Sheffield Eagles and St Helens on June 8. WAGAN (from) K Radfirski M Ofbah J Robinson, G Connoby, V Tugamala, H Pauf S Edwards, A Farodi S Quancel, R Smyth, S Haughton, S Tatupu, C Murdock

fact that truths lie in matches, not in committee-rooms, in the eyes of players, not in the endless rows and nonsenses of administrators. The only truths of the 101year split between the two codes were those of social history — class warfare, and

hypocrisy. The myth of amateurism has long been exposed as a lie now it is a fading dream. Did people really pretend that it was true? Did they really convince themselves that there was virtue in a brown envelope full of fivers and a sinecure, Well, it does not matter any

more, save to social historians. Wednesday night gave us one of those historical punctuation marks, that is all. Wigan and Bath can now continue their respective hegemonies. After Wednesday, there is

iust a little bit less nonsense in the world, and that is worth a small cheer. D. H. Lawrence told us never to trust the teller, trust the tale. I say never trust the sport, trust the players.

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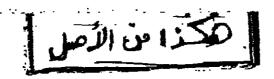
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SOUTH AFRICA'S new Constitution has been launched in a mixture of celebration, euphoria and a political and inancial crisis.

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The news that F.W. de Klerk's National Party had decided to withdraw from the Government of National Unity, and the likelihood that this would also mean the withdrawal of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party, hit all South African markets hard yesterday. Equities, bonds and the rand plummeted.

The currency, which had fallen more than 20 per cent in the past two months, had dropped in value from 4.38 to the dollar to 4.49 on the rumour that the National Party might leave the Government, and fell further, to 4.54, once the move was confirmed.

The mood in the market, which fell 103.3 points yesterday, was one of unter despondency. This week it has had to absorb the spectacle of the Government backing a national strike against itself, a complete cave-in to trade union demands on the Constitution and the surprise resignation of the chief civil servant in the Finance Ministry weeks after the minister had quit.

Even last week's interest rate increase, which has given South Africa the highest real interest rates in the world, has failed to save the currency. The mortgage rate is now running at 18,25 per cent. "It's panic," one dealer said. "No one wants to invest in a failing currency and country."

The National Party's move took many by surprise, coming straight after its vote in favour of the new Constitution. However, the party and the liberal Democratic Party failed in the constitutional negotiations to secure protection for their key constituencies. The African National

R. W. Johnson analyses the political and financial crisis that has developed as the Mandela Government celebrates the new South African Constitution

Mandela woos investors

Congress has rejected a clause guaranteeing property rights. has struck out a clause giving employers and workers equal rights in industrial disputes, and has allowed only the weakest of face-saving formulas over single-language

In addition, all the National Party's attempts to gain some guarantee of future powersharing have been cast aside by the ANC in favour of simple majority rule.

Ultimately, the National Party's negotiators advised their caucus to vote for the Constitution simply to keep the few crumbs of comfort they had gained — for if the party had voted against, the ANC had threatened to ram through by a divisive and probably violent referendum a constitution which would have removed even the slight concessions it had made to minorities. The National Party took

Cape Town: President Man-

dela yesterday assured busi-

ness leaders and investors

that South Africa had a

There will be life after

bright future reaching far

Mandela," the 77-year-old

President told a breakfast

news conference at the Press

Club to mark the adoption of

the country's new constitu-

tion on Wednesday. He told

the journalists that his party.

the African National Con-

gress, had plenty of young

talent that "in many respects

beyond his own lifetime.

what little it could get and then decided to get out.

The prospect of the ANC running the Government on its own is likely to lead to despondency not only in the market, which is extremely unimpressed by ANC ministers, but among the white, Indian and Coloured minorities. Moreover, Inkatha's probable exit from the Government could well see a further flare-up of violence in KwaZulu/Natal.

There is considerable public nervousness as homeowners watch the value of their assets nlummet with the currency. White emigration, already at near record levels, is likely to rise. It seems likely, too, that the regional coalition governments which rule the nine provinces could now also

The National Party's decision may well have been based on the fact that the previous

"Ministers are showing

new confidence, plans are falling into place, pro-grammes are unfolding," he

said, adding that, since leav-

ing prison in 1990, "I have

treated business as a major

Over the past two days Mr

Mandela has pushed a par-

ticular message: there will be

no black-against-white poli-

ties on the part of the ANC.

The goal was consensus, not

above Mandela".

produce a ripple of rising inflation, strikes, lower investment and thus lower growth. In addition, it is possible that the party has decided the Government needs to be taught some hard lessons by the ANC will ultimately have to beg it to return on better

Trevor Manuel, the inexperienced new Finance Minister. faces a baptism of fire. When the currency first passed the benchmark of four to the dollar, he ridiculed "this amorphous thing called the market" and promised that speculators will lose their shirts" as the rand rose again,

In the event, it is Mr and worse could be ahead. In April alone, the country's foreign reserves fell by 37.6 per cent, leaving only £1.73 billion. The last nine days will have wiped this out and there is now no prospect that the Government can get through May without help. Thus the possibility looms that the first act of the one-party ANC Government will have to be to throw the country on the mercy of the International Monetary Fund that it hates

President Mandela has cut a strange figure these past few days, laughing, celebrating, and transparently out of touch with the national crisis. Having tried desperately to keep the National Party in the Government, he has now claimed that its withdrawal "could strengthen South Africa".

The country's media are full of euphoria about the Constirution and congratulations are pouring in from foreign governments at the same time that the markets are delivering a thunderous vote of no-



F. W. de Klerk announces in Cape Town yesterday that his National Party is to leave the Government

tragedy boosts Howard

FROM ROBERT MAYNARD

JOHN HOWARD, Australia's Prime Minister whose Liberal-National Party coalition was swept to victory two months ago, is enjoying the sort of honeymoon most politicians only dream of.

Given such a huge mandate by the electorate after 13 years of Labor rule, the Liberal leader might have been tempted to sit back. But the massacre in Tasmania 12 days ago has shown Mr Howard to be a tough and uncompromising leader with an emotional side to his character that few would have believed possible a couple of weeks ago.

Television coverage of him comforting relatives and emergency workers at the Hobart memorial service for the 35 victims of the Port Arthur shootings have added

to his stature.
It was therefore no surprise that an opinion poll published in the Sydney Morning Her-ald this week claimed he was the most admired Liberal Prime Minister in three decades.

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The survey gave him an approval rating of 62 per cent, with only 18 per cent disapproving of his performance. The figure is the same as that enjoyed by Gough Whitlam in the heady days of Labor's 1972 victory and almost as high as the rating enjoyed by Bob Hawke after he became Prime Minister in 1983.

Mr Howard's popularity has increased since he came to power, with the gap between his approval and disapproval ratings surging from four to 4) points.

It is a measure of his resolve and a reflection of the electorate's mood that Australia could soon have the most draconian anti-gun laws in the world. Today the Prime Minister will host a summit of state police ministers to discuss a complete han on automatic and semi-automatic firearms. Mr Howard says the ban is non-negotiable.

Tasmania Hezbollah bomb ends border truce

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

border region yesterday for the first time since the April 27 ceasefire as Israeli and south Lebanese gunners responded to a Hezbollah roadside bomb attack inside the Israelioccupied buffer zone.

The renewed fighting was a grim reminder of the fragile nature of the American-negotiated ceasefire on the eve of today's first meeting in Washington of the five-nation group monitoring its operation.

The shelling, which Israel Radio said was aimed at the south Lebanese village of Jabai al-Rafaa, came after Iranian-backed Hezbollah fighters

SOUNDS of heavy artillery Israeli-financed South Lebanon Army - one seriously with a booby-trapped bomb detonated as a squad was on

Although the attack, the first to cause casualties since the ceasefire, did not breach the terms of that unsigned agreement, it underscored its tenuous nature. Under terms secured after a week of diplomatic shuttling by the US Secretary of State Warren Christopher, only attacks against civilians are ruled out.

The single-page ceasefire document permits the continuation of Hezboliah attacks on Israeli targets inside the ninemile wide "security" zone occupied by Israel since 1985 whole cycle of tit-for-rat violence could begin again if civilians on either side are hit.

Local officials said that, as well as returning heavy artillery and mortar shells, Israeli warplanes mounted mock air raids on villages. Hours before the explosion, Hezbollah's military commander said the recent frontline calm was tactical, adding: "Nothing has changed with regard to performance of the

Differences over monitoring the ceasefire have been reportadvance of today's scheduled meeting. Syria and Lebanon which also includes Israel, the United States and France - to cal aspects. Israel and America want political and economic dimensions included. Israeli officials hope further meetings can be held in Cyprus.

Yesterday Timor Goksel, spokesman for the UN peacekeeping force in south Lebanon, said the force could not function without Israeli cooperation. Israel has threatened to withdraw that cooperation after a UN report said it was unlikely the attack on the Qana UN base, which killed more than 100 civilians.

US judge allows extradition of Hamas suspect to Israel

FROM OUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A LEADER of Hamas, the "more than sufficient evi- holiday. A crucial witness ation, lost an important battle in his fight against extradition from the United States.

A federal judge in New York ruled that Mousa Abu Marzook, a self-declared senior Hamas member, can be extradited to face trial in Israel. Mr Marzook, 45, is accused of involvement in ten bomb attacks in Israel between 1990 and 1994 which killed 47 people and injured

Judge Kevin Duffy, after reading files supplied by the Israeli Government, found

militant Palestinian organis- dence" to show that Mr against Mr Marzook was Marzook was involved in the bombings. "Probable cause exists that Marzook knew of Hamas's plan to carry out violent, murderous attacks, that he selected the leadership and supplied money to enable the attacks to take place," he said. He did not believe Mr Marzook's claim that the money he raised in America was for hospitals and schools in the Middle East.

Mr Marzook has lived in America for 14 years and was arrested last July when trying to re-enter the country after a

Muhammad al-Hamid Kalil-Salah, a former secundhand car dealer from Chicago and Hamas member, who said that much of the money raised at mosques in North America ended up buying weapons for Hamas gunmen.

Judge Duffy's finding was last night welcomed by Jewish American lobby groups, but Mr Marzook's representatives reality, however, months of appeals will follow before Mr Marzook boards any flight to

Voters hail Museveni as healer after tribal feuds scar Uganda

FROM SAM KILEY IN LOWERO, UGANDA

BAKIA KABEGANO sheltered from a downpour beneath the tin roof of Lowero's Kasama health centre, grinning through cracked teeth at the certainty of victory for President Museveni in yesterday's Ugandan presidential

At 50, she looked well into her eighties. The agonising years of post-independence Ugandan history had been etched on her face and, with a machete, on her body. Her right index finger was missing and her legs carried the marks of panga wounds.

in Lowero, 35 miles west of the capital. Kampala, once the centre of Milton Obote's campaign against his opponents in which a million people died. voters waited patiently in a freezing rainstorm.

Mr Museveni, who drove President Obote from power in 1986 after a six-year bush war, used a picture of Mr Obote's victim's skulls piled 5ft high in Lowero's central square to drive home his warnings against a return of Mr Obote's policies in the guise of the President's main rival, Paul Ssemogerere. Local residents - some, like

Mrs Kabegano, had walked several miles to vote - needed no cheap campaign tricks to remind them of their past.

I am so happy to be voting. We suffered so much over the years, but for the last ten this man [Mr Museveni] has kept peace and saved us from more terror. Now we can sleep safely at night," she said. Mrs Kabegano lost four close family members during the pogroms of the early 1980s. Criticised by the West for refusing to allow the formation of political parties for

Museveni: Uganda not ready for pluralism

another four years, Mr Museveni argued that Ugandans were too ill-educated and prone to tribal and religious divisions to manage Westminster-style politics. But the better educated of Lowero fully endorsed Mr Museveni's argument for consensual politics as an African, democratic alternative to a return to political parties with a bloody Standing in the inadequate

shelter of a pepper tree, Augustin Musinguzi, 29, a businessman who also bore



Obote: a million of his opponents were killed

the scars of bullet wounds and a hunger-induced skin disease, said: "Since independence, we have not had the chance to participate in free and fair elections like this. "In 1980 [when Obote was elected] we had his youth-

wingers telling voters that if they didn't vote for him, they would be dead. Some were killed even before ballots had been counted. Now you can see someone who may vote another way, and leave him Mr Musinguzi is suspicious of the unofficial alliance be-

tween Dr Ssemogerere's Democratic Party and the exiled Mr Obote's Uganda People's At the polling station one of

the candidates' agents said: "We've had some serious irregularities here. Some people have come to the station campaign wearing badges for Museveni."

By African electoral standards, this did not sound like a major political scandal. But the returning officer said: "That is a very serious breach of the rules and we sent them home to take them off before they could vote."

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Mexicans go bats after vampire gets their goats

BY QUENTIN LETTS

GOAT farmers in Mexico claim that their livestock is under attack from a large, but as yet unseen, vampire bat.

The mysterious creature has been nicknamed chupacabra (goatsucker) after the discovery of dead goats with twin tooth marks a third of an inch apart on their necks. Local witnesses

have said that the animals have been left drained of blood.

In the southern state of Chiapas on Wednseday. 28 rams were found with the tell-tale puncture marks. The dead animals are to be studied by the Mexican-American commission for the prevention of exotic diseases. According to a Mexican Agriculture Ministry statement, the rams' blood

had been taken from their veins. Similar attacks have been reported in six other states. In Sinaloa, farmers have formed vigilante squads to watch over their goats at night. Ranchers have been in a state of disquiet and peasants are said to be in a state of fear. The goatsucking demon has entered popular song and has been hailed in lurid newspaper headlines.

There is even a chapacabra video game. Some government officials have sought to play down the animal deaths, however, and dismiss talk of the chupacabra as little more than a Mexican version of the "Beast of Bodmin", which occasionally pops up in the West Country. They suggest that the alleged vampire bat may in reality be a wolf or some form of cat.

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FROM MARTIN FLETCHER

erode President Clinton's huge

poil lead, opened a new front

yesterday with a blistering

attack on Mr Clinton's foreign

policy performance.

Mr Clinton's "track record

of weakness and indecision

and double-talk and incoher-

ence has diminished Ameri-

can credibility and under-

mined American interests",

the senator declared in his first

major speech on foreign af-

fairs since winning the Repub-

lican presidential nomination.

The President had "squan-

dered the rich foreign policy

legacy he inherited by making

inconsistency, confusion and

incoherence the common fea-

tures of American diplomacy".

Though he and Mr Clinton

were both free-traders and

internationalists, he said, "our

differences are vast and fun-

damental, from expansion of

Nato and the deployment of

ballistic missile defences to

over-reliance on the United

Nations and decisive action

against the enemies of the

The Dole camp sees foreign

policy as one area where his

long experience and wartime

service gives him a major

advantage over Mr Clinton. The 72-year-old senator dis-

puted the notion that voters do

not care about foreign policy.

arguing that Americans cared

deeply how the world saw

their country.
It was "time to restore

American leadership in Asia

and throughout the world. No

more overnight reversals, no

United States".

Dole rails

Rao quits as poll heralds tide of change for India

INDIA'S governing Congress Party, the commanding political force in the world's largest democracy for half a century. has been routed in a chaotic party capable of forming a

majority government.
P. V. Narasimha Rao, the Prime Minister, last night announced his intention to quit amid frantic attempts by a battery of parties to form the country's first national coalition. An emergency Cabinet meeting will be held today.

The election outcome is disastrous for a country in need of political stability to fight poverty and pursue sweeping economic reforms. It was Congress's greatest humiliation and the party may split.

nation's politics has moved from Delhi to the states, and no single party may ever again govern the world's second most populous country. The result represents a social, caste and political upheaval. the like of which independent India has never seen.

There will now be days of backroom bargaining in which a range of potential prime ministers will be vving for position. An array of small parties will seek a role in a

clude the shattered remains of Congress, whose glory days are over - although Mr Rao's departure has almost certainly secured its participation in a new administration.
The Bharatiya Janata Party

gravity of the nation's politics has moved from Delhi to the states 9

remarkable rise from virtual obscurity a decade ago. But it will be hard-pressed to form an administration. It is a parliamentary pariah, de-spised for its anti-Muslim tendencies, and its only chance of gaining power is to split the Congress Party. That is improbable. The BJP donned a moderate face for the election but its record is extremist, with many of its leaders



P. V. Narasimha Rao waiting to speak at one of his last election rallies before his ruling party was routed

favouring the creation of a Hindu state. The incoming administration will probably not last a full term, given India's fractious political character and inexperience with national coalitions. Congress

(BJP), which includes extremist Hindu elements, emerged as the single biggest party with a margin of dozens of MPs over Congress — a

80 per cent of the population. **6** The centre of After centuries of repression, their time seems to have come The immediate consequence of the election could be political chaos. Mr Rao, 74. has been the country's most mediocre leader, save for releasing the economy from its socialist shackles under International Monetary Fund pressure.

The party, dead at the grassroots and corrupt at the top, has been torn by defec-tions and degraded by unfettered ministerial corruption.

lost around half the 260 seats

it captured in 1991. The elec-

tion saw the rise of regional

parties and groups represent-ing the newly assertive low

castes, who comprise around

Anal Vajpayee, who led the BJP's bid for power, said during the campaign that he would not seek to form a government if the party and its handful of allies captured fewer than 215 seats in the 534seat parliament. It will fall far short of that once final results are declared today or tomorrow, and will end up around 100 seats short of a majority: probably too big to bridge,

even with bribery. Congress's next leader, like the next prime minister, may be a member of a "backward" caste in recognition of the new electoral power of the lower classes. Mr Rao could be the last Brahmin to head either Congress or India.

The incoming government, assuming the BJP fails to take power, will be drawn substanially from the National Front-Left Front combine, an alliance known as the Third Force, which contains a battery of parties that are barely able to work together. It went into the election with no single leader or any joint political agenda, but emerged as the second biggest force, trailed by Congress. The Left Front will project Jyoti Basu, the Com-munist Chief Minister of West Bengal, as the next prime

Mummies in China unravel historical certainties

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

ARCHAEOLOGISTS are struggling to solve one of the most baffling mysteries of early civilisation. Who were the white meo, wearing north European-style clothes, who wandered through northwest China 4,000 years ago and appear to have settled — even colonised — the area? A conference of interna-

tional archaeologists in Philadelphia last week swapped evidence about a number of blond-haired, straight-nosed "mystery mummies" found in the Tarim Basin region of western China. The bodies, well-preserved by the salty sands of what is now a desert, suggest that Westerners played a role in the develop-

ment of China.

It may be time to reconsider the theory that the Far East was an isolated land of mys-tery and brilliant scientific innovation before the opening of the Silk Road in the 2nd century BC. Early Europeans probably made their way to the Tarim Basin for trade, or in search of prey. Some stayed, while others may simply have been travellers. The weaving of garments found on the mummies bears strong similarities to textiles found on European and British/Celtic mummies pre-dating 500 BC.

The mummies were found buried with hats, boots and colourful garb, sometimes beside non-Caucasian bodies, suggesting that they were part of the community. The climate of the area may then have been better suited to settlement than today.

Vincent Pigott, an archaeologist at the University of Pennsylvania, said yesterday: There is evidence of longterm occupation of this part of China by Europeans. This is one of the more remarkable archaeological discoveries of this century."

The Caucasian people survived in the Tarim Basin until the 2nd century AD and then appear to have disappeared suddenly. Dolkun Kamberi, an Uyghur archaeologist attending the University of Pennsylvania,



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recalled hearing, as a child, people settling in the area long, long ago. The recently discovered mummies, and the accumulating archaeological knowledge about them, indicated that the folk stories were based on

Earlier this century European explorers found manuscripts in the area depicting an extinct language, Tochari-an, which bore similarities to Ceitic and German. Mr Kamberi himself dis-

be 500,000 years old, but there was no telling if it was of a white or an oriental. The racial identity of the early settlers of the Tarim Basin was, said Mr Kamberi, "very covered a piece of human important for writing Asian history and world history".

Lord Renfrew, the Cambridge archaeologist, told the conference that the apparent evidence of cultural crossfertilisation meant that diffusionism hated by the progressives of the 1960s and 1970s. "needs to be taken

seriously again", Victor Mair, the conference organiser, said that when he first saw one of the mummies he was "thunderstruck — I just stood there for a couple of hours". It raight be too early to draw conclusions about where the people came from. he added, but the likeliest route to the area was from the

more conflicting signals and no more strategic incoherence. Our future security depends Farmbelt on American leadership that is respected, trusted and, when necessary, feared," he said.

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Focusing particularly on Asia, Mr Dole told Washington's Centre for Strategic and International Studies that Mr Clinton had sent disastrously conflicting signals to China. appeased North Korea, and lost the trade war it had declared on Japan. This weak leadership, vacillation and inconsistency" had left the world's only superpower "drifting and defensive with an uncertain course and untrusted voice in the Pacific

Mr Dole endorsed the President's imminent decision to extend China's preferential trading status for another year. That was bound to anger conservatives who wanted China punished for bullying Taiwan, intellectual piracy, selling nuclear technology and continued human rights

ahuses. However, he lambasted Mr Clinton for Sino-American policies that had "contributed to the convictions shared by allies and adversaries alike that American leadership in Asia is fragmented, contradic-

tory and uncertain". Seeking to pre-empt Mr Dole's attack the White House had on Wednesday threatened punitive tariffs on \$2 billion (El.3 billion) of Chinese imports unless Peking agrees by next Wednesday to halt the piracy of US films, music and computer software.

Dying guru 'will log on and drop out'

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

TIMOTHY LEARY, the drug guru who advised followers in the 1960s to "tune in, turn on and drop out", has cut his ties with a cryonics organisation that had hoped to freeze his head after death.

British-born Dr Leary, 75, who now lives in Beverly Hills, is engaged in a typically eccentric dance with prostate cancer. Instead of resisting the disease, he has said he relishes death as "the ultimate trip". He is even seeking ways to allow disciples to witness his final moments "live" thanks to the internet.

In one conflicting signal, however, he arranged for a group of believers in the du-bious science of cryonics to

freeze his head in liquid nitrogen after death in the hope of being reborn when advances in genetic cloning allow.

The former Harvard psychiatrist now appears to have jettisoned his faith in such a chilly afterlife. He has torn up his \$50,000 contract with the CryoCare Foundation, saying: "They have no sense of humour. I was worried I would wake up in 50 years surrounded by people with clipboards." For the present he has livelier company. A symbol of alternative and mind-expanding lifestyles for several generations, he is visited on psychedelically draped

der (his god-daughter) and Hollywood's current first couple, Tim Robbins and Susan Sarandon. Meanwhile, the cryongenics

movement, scorned by serious scientists since its inception in the 1970s, has lost a priceless opportunity for publicity. As Dr Leary's friend and writing partner. Vicki Marshall, put in the yesterday's Los Angeles Times: "He is not going to be their poster boy." Ms Marshall pointed out

that Dr Leary had never taken cryonics very seriously, considering it only slightly less stupid as a post-death procedure than being eaten by worms. He is now said to be death bed by the likes of Yoko Ono, the actress Wynona Rycontemplating cremation.



Leary: relishes death as "the ultimate trip"

Team work brusnea up

Tokyo: A Tokyo company owner who cleans his firm's lavatories every day has inspired executives across Japan to follow his example (Robert Whymant writes). Under the slogan "Let's

polish our hearts through cleaning toilets", Hidesaburo Kagiyama, the 63-year-old owner of a car component business, leads a 25,000strong group to encourage managers to clean lavatories in the workplace, and in schools and public places.

"By getting down on my and knees to scrub lavatory bowls and urinals, I discovered I could bring out the best both in myself and my workers," Mr Kagiyama said,

Doubt cast on claim of North Pole flight

By Quentin Letts

ALLEGATIONS of dishonesty have been levelled at Admiral Richard Byrd, the begoggled American adventurer who in 1926 claimed to have become the first man to fly over the North Pole.

Dennis Rawlins, a navigation specialist, has examined Byrd's log of that flight and has concluded that the aviator, faced with engine problems, turned round 150 miles short

of the pole. The log was discovered amid papers at the back of Byrd's 1925 diary. It appears that the then Lieutenant-Commander Byrd may have used the last few pages of the old

book for the 1936 flight simply to save paper. Mr Rawlins was invited by Ohio State University to study

the compass readings marked down by Byrd and his mechanic. Floyd Bennett. Mr Rawlins suggested that the two men must have known that they had failed to reach their cherished destination when they turned round and headed back for Spitsbergen.

The map readings show that the turnaround, which was enforced by an oil leak from the engine of the Fokker monoplane, was made two and a quarter degrees before

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'left to die'

Phnom Penh: The Australian

Senate has opened an inqiry

into claims that the Cambodi-

an Government broke an

agreement which might have

saved the lives of three West-

ern hostages, including an Australian and a Briton, mur-

dered by Khmer Rouge guer-

Australian media reported

that seven letters, which were allegedly exchanged between

Khmer Rouge commanders and a Cambodian negotiator,

showed the guerrillas wanted

to exchange the hostages -

Tokyo: The body of a new-born baby was found flushed down a Northwest Airlines

plane lavatory by cleaners at

Osaka international airport.

The Boeing 747, travelling

from Los Angeles to Manila.

was making a stopover on

Wednesday night.
The child appeared to be two days old and did not seem

to be Asian. The umbilical

cord was still attached. The

body had become dyed blue by

disinfectant water. (Reuter)

alive - for money. (AP)

Baby's body

found on jet

rillas in 1994.

Belgium pursues French tycoon over corruption

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

A BELGIAN court investigating allegations of corruption has issued an international arrest warrant for Serge Dassault, the powerful French industrialist and head of one of the country's most prestigious aircraft-makers.

The warrant for M Dassault's arrest was issued by a Liège magistrate in connection with bribes allegedly paid to Belgian government officials in 1989 to secure a contract, worth an estimated £125 million, for modernising the American-built F16 fighters of the Belgian Air Force.

I am a complete stranger to this transaction," M Dassault insisted in Paris last night, adding that he had rejected a request to attend a hearing on the case in Liege 15 days ago because Belgian law lacked "certain elementary rights available to every French

M Dassault, 71, said he had written to the Belgian authorities saying he was prepared to be interviewed on French soil and had responded to ques-tions posed by the magistrate last November.

Belgian investigators suspect M Dassault of handing over a commission of more than 10 million francs (£1.3 million) via the electronics company Dassault Electronique to secure the contract. code-named Carapace, Le Monde reported.

Legal sources in Belgium said that the warrant was issued last week because evidence recently obtained from Swiss banks "suggests strong indication of corruption". Investigators suspect the money was paid to members of the ruling Socialist Party in

M Dassault is chairman of Dassault Aviation and honorary chairman of Dassault Electronique, but he insisted that his responsibility for the electronics firm ended in 1986. Dassault Aviation, makers of the Mirage and Rafale fighter jets and Falcon business jets, relies primarily on govern-



Dassault denies link with transaction

ment orders and declared profits of £63 million last year. The case is linked to the recent scandal surrounding the Italian helicopter company Agusta, which forced the resignation of Willie Claes, the Socialist, as head of the Nato alliance last October. Prosecutors are investigating whether that company paid El million to secure another Belgian government contract worth £220 million.

M Dassault, whose person-

Broadway beset by sound of discord

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

JULIE ANDREWS has withdrawn from this year's Tony awards - Broadway's version of the Oscars — in protest at the lack of nominations for her fellow cast members in a New York musical.

The British star shocked Manhattan theatre-goers with an announcement on stage at the end of a matinée performance of Victor-Victoria by saying she wanted nothing to do with the 1996 Tonys, even though she has been nominated for best musical actress. It was the only nomination for the show, directed and produced by Blake Edwards, her husband. The actress told a full house

at the Marquis Theatre: "I have to say how deeply sad I am to be the only nominee in this extraordinarily gifted company. I have searched my conscience and my heart and find I cannot accept this Tony nomination." She preferred. instead, to "stand with the egregiously overlooked" cast.

Her uncharacteristic outburst reflected widespread surprise at this year's nominations. The awards, in their 50th year, also failed to recognise the Royal Shakespeare Company, which is back on Broadway for the first time in

The Tony judges have been criticised for their eccentric choices and there has been speculation that many may be dismissed before next year. Nominations went to unsuccessful shows, off-beat dramas and productions that closed carry

Victor-Victoria has drawn big audiences. Meanwhile, the absence of the Royal



Julie Andrews reads out a statement turning down her Tony award nomination

Shakespeare's splendid A Midsummer Night's Dream arguably the best thing on Broadway this year — was baffling.

The nominations have left actors in tears and angered producers, one of whom condemned the judges as "a bunch of academics". Miss Andrews, normally regarded

as being above "luvviedom", was said to have been devastated by the apparent snub to Victor-Victoria. Backstage morale was so badly hit that she had to give her colleagues a pep talk. "A lot of our creative team have been overlooked," she said, through tears. David Merrick, the doyen of Broadway produc-

ers, called the nominations "bad business", while another observer, Robert Lisauer, remarked that "apparently nobody liked Victor-Victoria but the audience". The row has done only good to the show's box office, however. Max Eisen, a veteran press agent, said: "Where there's noise,

Aznar to trim government Madrid: The new Spanish ad-

ministration of José Maria Aznar will scrap nearly a third of all government departments to save money (Tunku Varadarajan writes). A ruling Popular Party official said more than 80 of the 269 government departments would go mostly in the Cabinet, Finance and Interior ministries. The Socialist opposition called the savings "peanuts".

Tokyo and Seoul in fishing talks

Tokyo: Japan and South Korea have begun talks on fishing rights around disputed islets, known respectively as Takeshima or Tok-do, in the Sea of Japan. The talks will skirt the ownership issue of meant gesture led to further | the two volcanic islets almost mid-way between the two countries and claimed by both Tokyo and Seoul. (AP)

Peasant held for £640,000 swindle

Peking: A Chinese peasant woman has been arrested for swindling 90 people out of eight million yuan (£640,000). She enticed villagers and busi-nessmen to lend her the money with promises of 10 per cent interest a month, newspapers reported (AP)

'Farmbelt Führer' is put on trial

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE chubby, waddling figure of American neo-Nazi Gary Lauck, still flaunting his Adolf Hitler moustache, entered a Hamburg court yesterday for a trial that will attempt to unravel the worldwide web of far-right publishing. Mr Lauck, dubbed "Farmbelt Führer" by Ameri-

can investigators, is accused of heading a company that printed reams of Nazi propaganda. including Hitler's Mein Kampf and anti-Semitic tracts, which was smuggled to rightwing extremists in Germany. The publisher, 42, from Nebraska, claims that his activities were protected by US freedom of speech laws and that the prosecutor cannot prove he intended to export the

material to Germany.

immediate request for the trial to be declared null and void. Mr Lauck was arrested last year on a visit to Denmark or anti-Semitic slogans.

and, only after lengthy legal debate, was extradited to Germany. His lawyer claimed that the German charges. presented yesterday by the prosecutor in a 90-minute introductory speech, did not correspond with the reasons given for Mr Lauck's extradition. "In my opinion, the mere fact that we are sitting here is against the law," Herr Sieg

The material produced by Mr Lauck's company, in particular the magazine National Socialist Battle Cry, is full of virulent prose reminiscent of the Hitler era. Jews are described as "the parasites of Hans-Otto Sieg, Mr Lauck's humanity". Videos compare defence lawyer, lodged an Jews with rats. His presses

have also produced hundreds of thousands of stickers displaying the swastika symbol A total of 38 charges were

al fortune is estimated at £35

million, is only the latest in a

string of top French business-

men to be touched by corrup-

tion allegations, but the

warrant for his arrest is likely

to prove particularly embar-

rassing for President Chirac, a

longtime friend and political

M Chirac's father, a banker.

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troops of Exocet missiles made

Falklands conflict, his reply

was characteristic: "The Brit-

ish are friends. The Argentin-

ians are customers. I have the

highest regard for them both."

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cal companies in the world.

levelled against Mr Lauck yesterday. German law forbids the public use of the swastika symbol, as well as the sale or distribution of Hitler's writings. Anti-Semitic publications and any denial of the existence of the Nazi Holocaust are also outlawed.

Mr Lauck's party — the National Socialist German Workers Party-Foreign Organisation — is banned in Germany. As anti-Fascist demonstrators marched outside, Mr Lauck looked relaxed in court yesterday, joking that he had "a dog and two cats but no children as far as I knowin response to a question from



Lauck: videos compare Jews with rats

Italy checking on politics of its athletes

Rome: Italians competing in the Atlanta Olympics are being vetted to try to prevent any unfurling of the banner of "Padania", the separatist state demanded by the Northern League, during ceremonies (Richard Owen writes).

Il Messaggero said this week that the Italian Olympic Committee was discreetly monitoring the political leanings of athletes in training in Rome. It said the committee feared that Northern League sympathisers might use the world's most important sporting occasion for political purposes.
In last month's elections.

the League made a strong showing by appealing to resentment in the North of high taxation, partly to subsidise the poorer South.

with old arguments FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

New MPs settle in

THE new-look Italian parliament opened yesterday, three weeks after the election, with the dominant Centre-Left bloc vowing to govern Italy for a full five years.

But Professor Romano Prodi, leader of the Centre-Romano Left Olive Tree, was still unable to announce his Cabinet because of distinctly oldstyle wrangling over who should hold the posts of Speaker in the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate.

Half of the 630 MPs are newcomers, which lent a "first day of term" air to proceedings in the Montecitorio, the elegant 17th-century parliament building. But the fresh optimism of the opening session was tempered not only by a reassertion of political chaos

but also by anxiety over the secessionist demands of the Northern League. Signor Prodi offered the

Senate Speakership to the opposition, but this welldisputes when Silvio Berlusconi, the Centre-Right Freedom Alliance leader and former Prime Minister, suggested Francesco Cossiga, the former President, whom the Left regards as tainted by the corrupt Christian Democrat

The provisional Senate Speaker, Francesco de Martino, an 83-year-old senator from the southern city of Naples, was greeted by Northern League jeers when he condemned secessionism in "the prosperous North".

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Germans count their losses as taxman upstages Jackson

By Roger Boyes

POP star Michael Jackson has called off a concert tour of Germany because of the country's tough tax laws.

The cancellation, coming bard on the heels of protests from other rock performers and foreign orchestras, has shaken not only Jackson's fans but also the German political establishment.

Germany is struggling to cut public spending and raise revenue. There has been public pressure to crack down on celebrity taxpayers who often pay less than ordinary Germans by setting up homes across the border in Belgium or by channelling some of heir earnings into overseas

companies. Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, was happy to oblige and raised the basic tax rate for foreign performers from 15 rent of a stadium, security and

to 25 per cent at the beginning of the year. Now this has backfired and Germany is worried that it will be boycotted by leading foreign performers.

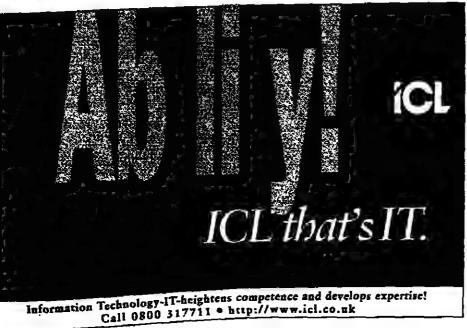
The problem, explains Dietmar Mittig of the Faerber and Partner tax consultancy, is that "25 per cent is only the basic tax. On top of that comes a turnover tax of 7 or 15 per cent - depending on whether a group or a soloist is involved and a 7.5 per cent solidarity tax whose revenue is carmarked for the development

of eastern Germany." These taxes are deducted not from the profits of the performer but from their gross earnings. In Jackson's case, that leaves almost nothing since he has to pay for 30 lorryloads of equipment, the

elaborate staging. Jackson recoups these overheads from the local impresario and, as far as the German taxman is concerned, they count as Ger-

man earnings.
A typical Jackson concert in Germany would earn £1.4 million, according to Klaus Bönisch of Mama Concerts. About £600,000 would be kept by the singer, but he would have to pay £156,000 of that in income tax and meet bills of £520.000 for the production of the show. In other words, Wacko Jacko would leave

Germany a poorer man. Jens Michow, who represents the association of German concert agencies, says he is ready to take the German Government to the European Court of Justice as it is in effect discriminating against foreign performers.





IF TIMES TRIDAY MAY

Grace Bradberry, Style Editor, finds that class is only skin deep

pallid, with broken finger quicks and protuberant nails, the Queen's hands have caused a furore.

Wittingly, or unwittingly, Antony Williams, who did the portrait, has touched a raw nerve: class. Our hands, it seems, reveal our social origins, as well as our health and our character. In the words of Brian Sewell, the art critic. the hands in Williams's painting, are "those of Murphy's men, relieved of

the pneumatic drill". Williams insists that he has painted the Queen as he found her. No one wants to believe him, which is rather odd when you consider that Her Majesty is 70, and quite entitled to have careworn skin.

But then, as Dr Patrick McGhee, a psycho-dermatologist, points out, even in our apparently secular society we imbue the hands with all

kinds of symbolic meaning. Take Michelngelo's image of God touching man. It's a symbol of one level of

the cosmos touching another level, and it's shown through the meeting of hands." Over the years, none of their cul-

20th century, the shaking of hands is one of the few forms of socially approved public touching."
Perhaps this is why Jeremy Beadle's deformed hand, and his delight in

tural significance, insists

Dr McGhee. "In the late

proffering it to the unsuspecting, has attracted so much attention. In some intangible way it expresses our national loathing for AND SO so it is with the

Queen. Beleaguered. embattled, in need of a good stiff drink: the state of her hands suggests all these things. More Lucian Freud than Leonardo da Vinci, they would not look out of place slumped disconsolately across a bar in Soho.

But to Dr Peter Wise, a specialist in hormone disorders at the Charing Cross hospital, they say something else altogether. "One condition that comes to mind, looking at both the hands and the face, is an under-active thyroid. It affects one in 20 women over

BLOATED, scratched and the age of 60 and it does make them appear rather depressed and morose — a bit like the Queen in this portrait."

The symptoms of an under-active thyroid in-clude swollen joints, dry skin, and, perhaps the least regal, constipation.
The treatment is, how-

ever, quite simple and usually involves a course of

Should the Queen pay a visit to the Charing Cross hospital in the future she shaking Dr Wise's hand if she wishes to avoid an impromptu diagnosis. There are up to 200 condi-tions that might come to light if he were able to maintain a grip and examine closely.

"Patients are puzzled when I pick up their hands. They think I've stepped out from the ark. But you can



The hands in the royal portrait

pick up everything from subtle alcohol abuse to hormone deficiencies." Little bumps across the knuckles can suggest raised blood-fat levels,

while bulbous nails could. in certain circumstances. indicate serious lung prob-"People used to conclude all sorts of things from the hands, many of which were not true," says Dr Wise.

But gradually medical science has supplanted those assumptions with more important diagnostic information." But among the common herd, superstitions persist.

Dr McGhee believes that Williams's depiction of the Queen's hands has shocked because it reminds us of her mortality. The reaction is cultural-

Queen as the last remaining element of stability in the Royal Family. The conspicuous ageing of her hands reminds us that she is old and will one day die. Many people feel that the Royal Family will then collapse."

Who's suffering from SID?

David Brooks reports from New York on the growing band of professionals whose income falls short of their status

he editor had triumphed. All through a long New York spring evening, it had been John Updike this and Norman Mailer that. He'd kept his tablemates in a state of conversational bliss, and when the meal was over everybody was in such high spirits they decided to go down to the lounge for a few drinks. The Regency Hotel has a little room called The Library. where the Martinis are \$11. The editor was joined by an investment banker and a lawyer and his wife. And he was just as amusing at the bar, filling the night with publishing tales. Feeling expansive, he decided to pick up the tab, putting it on his expense account, and when the whole group stumbled autside, he was seized by his high spirits and called out: "Does anybody

want to share a cab?" The lawyer looked uncomfortably at his wife. "Actually, we're walking distance," he said, motioning up Park Avenue. The banker said she lived just a block and a half away. towards 5th Avenue.

The editor decided not to splurge on a cab after all. He caught a cross-town bus and then waited nervously for the subway train. A foul-smelling homeless person shouted something at him until the train finally came, taking him up to 103rd Street and Broadway. The elevator (with a bare lightbulb flickering) took him unstairs to his scratched steel door. He opened it and found himself looking across his cluttered table into the kitchen and wondering where he'd left the cockroach spray. Suddenly he was feeling miserable.

The editor was suffering from status-income disequilibrium (SLD). The sufferers of this malady have jobs that give them high status but low income. They lunch on an expense account at The Palm, but dine at home on macaroni. All day long the phone-message slips pile up on their desks calls from famous people they realise the tub needs scrubbing, so it's down on the hands and knees with the Ajax. At work they are aristocrats, kings of the meritocracy.

At home they are peasants. Status-income disequilibrium sufferers include leading journalists, publishing edi-







David Mellor used to suffer SID on his MP's salary; the Duchess of York, right, has caught full-blown SID and infected Sophie Rhys-Jones, left

ID may have been identified by an American, but this affliction has long been rife in Britain. At the House of Commons it reached epidemic proportions years ago, when backbench MPs, exemplified by David Mellor, realised that while generous expenses might allow them to lunch at the Savoy, a net salary of £34,085 meant they would have to eat beans on toast if they were to keep the boys at public school.

Down the road at Buckingham Palace, the Duchess of York struggled bravely before succumbing to fullblown SID. She pleads penury yet, thanks to the gullible snobbery of rich foreigners, continues to travel the world first class, eat in exclusive restaurants and fill entire floors of five-star hotels with her entourage.

She complains she cannot afford

Rich pickings

sary to buy a house, and therefore is forced to shell out £1.500 a week in rent. The syndrome is obviously catching: recently her future sister-inlaw Sophie Rhys-Jones confided to friends that she could not "live like a princess on £300 a week".

Yet SID is by no means confined to such notorious characters. The London suburbs are full of SID sufferers, who take the Tube each morning to their media jobs in Soho. and who, after dinner at Mezzo, queue in the rain for the night bus back.

Life for the afflicted consists of complicated juggling acts that make comparison. "It's very weird," says Brian Skeet, 30, a film director and scriptwriter. "One day I will be in LA hobnobbing with Michael Douglas and Susan Sarandon, and the next I am back in London, in a flat with no fridge and one gas ring, wondering how far I can make a fiver last."

In her job as a writer for a weddings magazine. Jane Bruton, 28, visits up to eight honeymoon destinations a year where she is lavished with five-star hospitality in the hope of a good writeup. "One week you are living like a member of the Royal Family." she says, "sleeping in the bed that Princess

Diana slept in. The next you are back in your shoebox flat in north London." Every SID sufferer knows the importance of blending in with the glittering surroundings. "You get the Tube to the Dorchester and try to pretend you arrived in a taxi," says Miss Bruton, "You buy black clothes because they look more expensive and you try not to come down to dinner in the same thing two nights running."

And SID sufferers have to realise the glamorous lifestyle is transient. You must remember who you are," she says. Mr Skeet adds: "There's a temptation, hanging out with John Malkovich and Roseanne, to think you are part of their world. But you are a temporary member, only allowed in as long as you can be of some help."

JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

that anyone who can prove

that five of his reasonably

close friends earn seven times

more than he, would be eligi-

seum curators, moderately successful classical music performers, White House aides, military brass, politicians who aren't independently wealthy.

and many others. There are two sides to the the White House — in which case it scarcely matters which

tors, TV news producers, mu-

status-income equation. On one is the "moneyed class", those with plenty of dough who can use it to acquire status. But I am concerned with the "titled class". Historically, when we think of the grand titles, we think of prince, duke, earl and baron. But in the age of meritocracy, Fellow, Editor in Chief, Assistant to the Secretary. Or titles that include an employer's name - The New York Times,

position the individual holds. The titled class has always resented and secretly envied the moneyed class. But for journalists, writers and politicos the pain is now acute. Until recently a person who went into, say, the media, understood that he or she class life. But now, vast wealth is possible. Once it becomes plausible to imagine yourself earning \$800,000 a year, the lack of it begins to hurt.

earning \$110,000 a year as a tor. His wife makes \$65,000. In their wildest imaginings they never dreamt they would someday pull in \$175,000 a year. Or that they

would be so poor. turned ten last year and needed a separate bedroom from her brother. They were lucky to get a

fairly bright three-bedroom apartment for \$2,750 a month, even allowing for the dingy neighbourhood and the cockroach-infested building. Jessica's school fees are about \$18,000 and it costs at least \$16,000 to send Max to the Ethical Culture School. The parking spot for the 1988 Camry is \$275 a month, the

part-time nanny costs about \$12,000 a year, and after meeting various other expenses the family is left with an after-tax disposable income for food, laundry, subway tokens, clothes and leisure of Consider our editor. He is

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year's school fees The title-holder is at the tail end of the upper class. Our editor is rich

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enough to send his kids to expensive schools, but all the other parents make as much in a month as he makes in a year. The contrast is clear when it comes to the annual class dinner. The host parents are inevitably executives at Goldman Sachs or some media conglomerate. When a

income of \$175,000 a year enters a room filled with moneyed persons who earn \$1.75 million a year, a few social rules will be observed. Everyone, including the titled person near bankruptcy, will pretend it is possible to jet off to Paris for a weekend and the only barrier is finding the

veryone will praise the Marais district, and it will not be mentioned that the moneyed person has an aparttitled person stayed in a onestar hotel somewhere in the suburbs. The titled person will notice that the moneyed class spend a lot of time planning and talking about vacations.

whereas all the titled person wants to talk about is work. How can we alleviate the

suffering from SID? I propose

ble for federal aid. The Government would send out monthly mortgage stamps to pay the cost of any newly bought home valued at more than \$1.1 million. The recipient would preserve his high-status career, but he would not feel ashamed when he returned home at night. Ultimately, such a pro-

gramme would benefit the entire nation. Because SID media, government and the terms of civic discourse, their anxieties dominate the national culture. Their bad mood depresses everybody. If they were rich, the entire country would feel better about itself. ● A longer version of this article appeared in the American maga-zine, The Weekly Standard.

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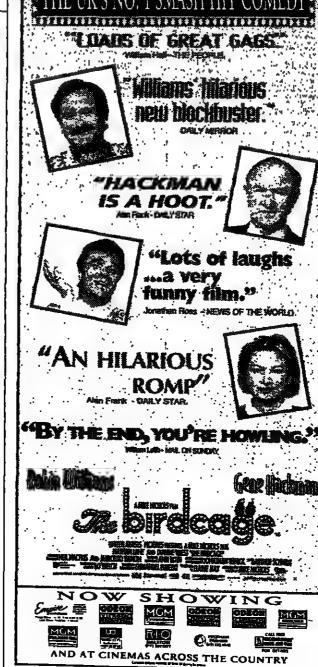
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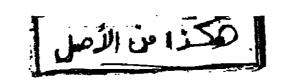
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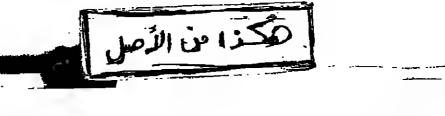
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Helena Bonham Carter, in front of the Orpen portrait of her grandmother, the redoubtable Lady Violet

How Helena grew up in a Violet shadow

room in Golders Bonham Carter stands grandmother, the redoubtable Lady Violet. The resemblance is strikingly non-existent: Violet's fine, elongated, patrician head; Helena's heart-shaped face and dark gamine look, compounded by the tennis shoes beneath the frock she changed into - out of T-shirt and jeans - for the picture.

On Monday she starts filming Henry James's The Wings a Dove. ("Yes, another Edwardian heroine, how predictable.") Tomorrow afternoon you can hear her in Dodie Smith's I Capture the Castle on Radio 4, as Rose: "A complete bitch, quite heartless. Great fun to play."

But today she is playing herself - Helena BC (as she signs herself), granddaughter Asquith's daughter Violet, whose fascinating letters and diaries, Vol.1: Lantern Slides, are published by Weidenfeld on Monday. They reveal that at the age of 17 Miss Asquith was better informed and more opinionated than most people thrice her age.

As I arrived chez the Bonham Carters (Lady Violet called it Hampstead, but leafy Golders Green it is: a London country house with its own tennis court) a lift descended and out wheeled Raymond Bonham Carter, Helena's father, a former merchant banker whose paralysis 17 vears ago made Helena, at 13. decide that she would have to look after herself.

The family was on holiday in Greece when Raymond became conclusively deaf in one ear. A routine operation for acoustic neuroma was bungled, leaving him partialblind and wheelchairbound. "He wasn't meant to live, but chose to. He is a stubborn man, with a certain amount of cussedness and not

ather and daughter

sit at a large table

covered with letters, in a room papered in brilliant African scenes, with french doors to a sunny garden. Helena is all filial reetness. You see why she, the baby of the family, still lives at home even though she will be 30 this month and could easily afford a place of her own. ("I'm just too lazy to move out.") Her rocking horse is still under the stairs, and the tiny chair that was bequeathed to her by Violet. My mother could seem intimidating: she was opinionated, and loved argu-

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ment," says Raymond. "She wrote to me every week when was at school, as if to an adult - like her father's letters to her. She was Asquith's boon companion after her mother died and he slept in her bedroom. Every night she would cross-examine him about his day in the

wolfed his food." "I don't honestly remember her," says Helena, who was rising three when Violet died in 1969. In a picture of herself

Commons. When she was

five, he took her to tea with

Mr Gladstone, and she told

her nanny that Mr Gladstone

on her grandmother's knee, she 'It's a is fair: it turns out that despite her dark eyes from her corsets French-Spanish mother Elena, and Helena is secretly a blonde. "I do parasols recall a dim, long corridor at her part for house at Hyde Park Gate, and a me again' smell of cooking. I wrote down my

memories of her when I was 13." "Helena is a great diarist herself." Raymond says. Has he read them? Helena: "No way." "Well." says her father, " l remember her descriptions. at eight, of a visit to Kenya."

"Lots of people - taxi grandmother as an old lady." says Helena. "It's a luxury to get to know how she was at my age. I find her confidence terrifying. It wasn't just that she was the privileged daugh-ter of the Prime Minister; she lived so vividly, and she had such a reverence for words. Today, the word is supersed-ed by images. And our concentration is not improved by television. I feel inspired by her turn of phrase."

Violet at 17 was dining and arguing with archbishops. earls, ambassadors. Her observation of people ("Mrs Sidney Webb - wife of goatbearded bore") was acute. in Paris she attended philosophical lectures by Bergson, and

Helena **Bonham Carter** is one of our leading actresses but she still chooses to live at home because she is too lazy to move out

discussed his theories. Tutored at home and mixing only with clever adults ("We are all worms," Winston Churchill told her at dinner one night, "but I do believe I am a glow-worm"), she gained wisdom by osmosis.

At that age, Helena was at Westminster School, getting her three grade As at A level, and a place at Cambridge to read modern languages if she had not been diverted into films. Most of her friends went to Oxbridge "so I feit very isolated". She would have been a Zuleika Dobson. sending young men tumbling

out of punts. "I could have gone, after Room With A View, but my father said carry on, it's a unique experience." So Heiena, with no acting training.

had to overcome the twin drawbacks of being both a striking beauty and the scion of a great family. She had to

learn on the hoof, on camera: "Very exposing."
It was in Howards End

when she played Helen Schlegel, Violet's contemporary, that she began to be curious about her grandmother's indifference to the suffragenes, "since she was so exercised by inequality in every other walk of life. Perhaps it was because she never experienced discrimination herself." Or because she saw her father showered with pepper by the militants.

Violet's accounts are of weekend parties at great houses "with all the ancient discomforts", debutante balls being swirled giddily around by a new young man every five minutes" where everyone has a nickname (Bongie, Baffy, Bim, Gugs, Lousebags. Tweeders, Swank) and where swains are defined as eligibles, detrimentals and drumbores; of exotic travels, and a proposal of marriage. when her brother advised:

Married to Hugh, you could not reach your highest;" of her engagement on his deathbed to Archie Gordon ("melodramatic," says Helena). Family history records that Violet was paralysed by some psychosomatic disorder in

early teens. "Attention-seek-ing," says Helena.

Helena's precocious star-dom (via a Tatler photograph, shown to Trevor Nunn, who cast her as Lady Jane Grey immediately after her A levels) was sustained by the confidence of ignorance.

"The flipside is, I was very conscious of criticism, and realised how much I had to

When critics say she gets better and better, thanks to breeding and intelligence, it reminds her gloomily of how bad she was at first; she tries to have a sense of humour about it. "I feel I can disown my earlier self. I'm always surprised at how podgy and high-voiced I was."

The podge is gone, the voice low. And the "bane of looking too young to play anyone emotionally mature" is lessening. She is Olivia in Trevor Nunn's Twelfth Night, and currently Woody Allen's art gallery-owning wife in Mighty Aphrodite. That offer came while she was playing a coalminer's daughter in Nova Scotia. "I flew like the wind to New York and gave a very

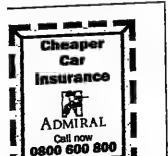
lacklustre reading. While filming in bed with Woody, whom she reveres, she discovered that he kept on his clothes and even his shoes - "in case there's a fire," he said when she asked. "He's a stack of phobias, and an escapologist."

Helena remains enigmatic herself; consciously dressing down. I admire her new straw hat: "Twenty quid at Accessorize," she says. She mentions the biological clock, but has decided never to discuss her private relationships - with Ken Branagh, or with anyone. They are hard enough anyway, but even harder if you conduct them in public."

Her fierze intelligence struck me as I watched the recording of tomorrow's I Capture the Castle. Her petulant opening line ("I see nothing romantic about being shut up in a crumbling ruin surrounded by a sea of mud") is very Helena.

She next goes to Venice for Wings of a Dove: "I'm playing another cruel, mercenary type. And it's corsets and parasols again." Had her grandmother been an actress (as she once wanted) she might have said the same.

IN ALL the far-fetched projections of hell that have been offered by Western literature, it has never, bizarrely, been represented as a table near the door, in a flash restaurant, when your lunch guest is more than half an hour late.

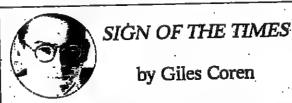


Waiter, bring me someone to talk to

never eat at Orso in London's Covent Garden?

For as 1 sat alone in that cavernous schmoozodrome wincing at the sympathy of the bar staff, a lick of flame or a whiff of brimstone would have been welcome distractions. There is nothing in the etiquette books about how to comport oneself in a public place, when the person one is meeting has decided one is not interesting enough to arrive on time for - if at all.

Cigarettes are good. They turn loneliness into defiant solitude. You can read the



Evening Standard for ten minutes, but after that everyone knows you are bluffing. Some riffle through the Filofax, exclaim "Oh!" and make a sharp exit, but that wouldn't work if you were meant to be lunching with, say, Richard Addis. Editor of

the Daily Express and a renowned latecomer. He is apparently wont to send his secretary to accompany you

until he arrives. Everyone who came in peered perishingly down at me. Every glance said: "Look at Nobby No Friends." But

ou are never alone, there are always others drumming their fingers on the table and rereading the menu for the fourteenth time. Can we not unite? There ought to be a code of practice. There ought to be badges which say "Join me, I'm waiting, too".

But there are not. So I approached an overly madeup woman in her forties, deserted and close to tears, who looked in need of company, "Excuse me." I said. "My date is late, too. Do you think I could sit down until she arrives? What are you drinking?" She told me she

thank you, and would I mind returning to my table.

I tried a man, less likely to take umbrage. "Sorry mate," he said. "I'm waiting for a call on my mobile." As I got up. someone asked me for a spritzer and some matches l'his gave me an idea. Would the waiter stop and have a drink? "I'm a bit busy. Do you want to cancel?"

No. I wanted to die. Everyone knew now. I tried one last table of four. Surely they would be happy to keep me company while I waited. They were even waving their arms as I walked over. "Look, don't. Whatever it is, we don't want to be part of it." It's life, that's all. And who does?

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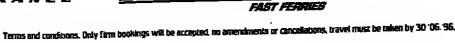
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ur latest spy story has suddenly fallen quiet. For that is the way spies prefer to manage their affairs. But beneath the surface of their secretive and mutually self-supportive world, the moguls of death and industrial espionage are at work harder than ever, justifying their place (and expenses) in this colder climate: the post-Cold War world.

The head of the Russian Federal Security Service, Rufuss, is the same Colonel-General Sergei Nekrasov who was head of Smersh under Bulganin. The portmanteau acronym of Smiert Spionam, "Death to Spies", has been renamed to make it democratically correct, but its function remains the same. "G" as he is known throughout the ugly modern building at No 13. Sretenka Ulitsa, is now completely bald, and wears an Order of Peace and Democracy beside his two Orders of Lenin. His bushy brows have grown white. But after more than 50 years in the post his is still a hard, unyielding face of formidable authority. He is discussing the crisis with Lieutenant-General Pugachov,

Head of the GRU, the intelligence department of the General Staff of the Army.

"Whether to expel the nine British spies has been referred to higher authorities. Rufuss has done its work in exposing them. Now it is up to the politicals to find solutions that take into account Russia's national interests." "But Comrade General," said the man from GRU, "Will this not provoke titfor tat expulsions? Already we have too

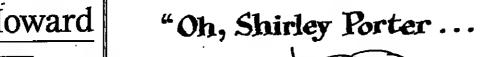
many redundant spies."

G replied: "No doubt this is a chance for Comrade Boris to demonstrate his virility before the elections. All good Russians believe their Motherland is overrun with foreign spies. So there are votes in appealing to their patriotic paranoia. But I have objective evidence that our friends in London are pleased to see our intelligence activities in the news again. I received a message from M, my British counterpart, in our dead-letter box in Petrovski Park. With English humour it runs: 'Welcome back. It is a pleasure to do business again. The game's afoot."

Pugachov: "But M cannot seriously mean it is a pleasure. What business did spies ever do apart from killing each other and making money in the West from books of spurious reminiscences? Most of our 'secret' information was on sale in HMSO publications and technical journals. And even when we got new intelligence, nobody on either side believed it." G: "My friend, you do not understand the importance of the fiction of spies to the British. It is true that their spies are civil servants paying crumbs for information that can be read in the newspapers. But the idea of the spy as hero is a minor literary genre at which the

"Life has not been the same for them since the Berlin Wall came down. It removed a wild frontier to danger from their imagination. Their thriller-writers have tried to substitute Mad Mullahs. But these are less convincing, especially now that Ayatollah Khomeini is dead. And they have tried Napoleons of crime such as Professor Moriarty, as a spider sitting motionless in the centre of its world web. But megalomaniac billionaires intent on world domination already exist in the Western world in pseudopoliticians such as Ross Perot and Sir James Goldsmith, And the British see them as batty as butterflies, as boring as beetles, not as sinister as spiders.

"Four centuries ago the English literary craze was for Jacobean blood and thunder After the loss of Empire and demotion from being a great power to a middling, not very successful industrial society. British today find comfort in their literary myth of the spy. He may be a gentleman like Sir Richard Hannay, or a quiet Englishman such as Ashenden, or a don manque like Smiley. As we both know, he is totally unlike the real spy, who is a minor criminal with an eye to publisher's royalties. But unlike the real sort. the literary spy always triumphs in the end. And he needs a powerful, ruthless, professional opponent such as Rufuss to triumph over. So we may have no objective function. in this weak piping time of peace, apart from winning elections for Boris. But at least we have a literary function: to keep alive the great British spy novel."





You've dropped us further in the mire...







Daughter from Elysium

ome say that Beethoven is taken for granted, and that it is only Mozart who makes us gasp with every note. Some go further and say that Beethoven is old hat. I smile at their impudence, but if Beethoven is old hat, pray give me any hat, however old and battered, and I shall genutlect before it.

Let me assure you that I have not come here to announce the news that Beethoven was a rather good composer. It is that I have been to the Coliseum — the English National Opera, and ENO for short — to hear and see Fidelio, and I have much to say on the subject. (I must, of course, ask pardon of all those musiclovers, and particularly Beethoven-lov-ers, who live too far from London and St Martin's Lane to be there in the flesh, though once upon a time - unless I dreamt it - the ENO thought nothing of taking an entire performance around the country. And are we not even going to hear this one on radio?)

Now then. We know that Beethoven vrote only one opera, and the devil of a job he — and his helpers — had to get it right, throughout all the changes and quarrels. Did, then, Beethoven dislike the very idea of opera and have to be cajoled into Fidelio with a cry of "never again"? Well, it was never again, but no one could claim that Beethoven would shudder at the thought of doing it again. because his papers reveal an astonishing gallimautry of operas he toyed with, including Romeo and Juliet, Alexander the Great, Macbeth, Bradamante, Romulus and Remus, Dragomira, Faust, Alfred the Great, The Founding of Pennsylvania, Melusine, The Return of Ulysses, Bacchus and The Ruins of Babvion.

Yet he chose only Leonora, or Conjugal Love, and even that changed, into Fidelio. And thus it was, and is.

No one could claim that the libretto and the plot are masterpieces: that matters very little. Nor do we need to smile at the heroine when she is disguised as a man - the number of operatic cross-dressings is countless. But for all that, Fidelio clutches at the heart and the mind even without the

That, if you stop and think about it, is a remarkable statement. It must mean that Beethoven, for all the clumsinesses of the libretto, had infused the words very few of them his - with something far more than telling a story. It means, surely, that Fidelio has yet another layer

Beethoven may not have been a religious man, but Fidelio proves that

that we must heed. The late William Mann was entirely steeped in music, and when he surveyed Fidelio, he said

The greatness, the undiminishable impact of Fidelio... flows all the rules of successful opera, but it strikes hard at the spot which a real opera must strike. In cold blood, and on the libretto's printed cold blood, and on the libretio's printed page, the characters may appear to be puppets. But connect any of them to Beethoven's music and each one comes to life; the two dimensions turn into at least four. For... the point about Fidelio is not that a man falsely imprisoned is saved from murder... by his wife's plucky intervention; nor even that she cleverly persuades the jailer's daughter into

lancying her a mar-riageable young man: but that all over the history, injustice is being perpetrated and it can be prevented by the convinced, individual action of anybody on earth who

sufficiently believes in the human moralities, and above all the sanctity of human

Now Beethoven was no churchgoer, though as the old Grove puts it:

"Beethoven's was a deeply religious nature: of this the Mass itself is witness... unsustained by canonical doctrine, he strove to reach and encompass a God whom he knew existed but could not comprehend."

But I have not come to give a lecture on Fidello; or rather, I have come to give a lecture on Fidelio, but of a different kind. Anyone who has followed the work of Graham Vick (as I have) will know that he has directed countless operas, in Britain and elsewhere. More to the point, the man is steeped for life in

unwavering integrity. You do not have to think in terms of profundity: anyone who saw Vick's production of Eugene Onegin will know with what delicacy, pain and even humour this man can bring an old work to life. Put it beside the dreary bilge of Covent Garden's current Ring (particu-

he was closer to God than most larly the idiotic toy aeroplane wiggling across the backdrop with no conceivable meaning and you will instantly know the difference between Vick and thingummyig. So I went, in high heart, to the ENO for the new Vick-made look it up, it goes like:

My companion had never heard Fidelio — an astonishing admission — for she is far too young to have heard the great Klemperer's triumph and the most recent London attempts were wretched

and didn't stay long. I confess that my palms were clammy through the overture; even my hero Vick might have come a purler. Shame on

ne, shame to doubt him, for what we saw at the beginning of the paulin, almost filling the stage, and as the cloth was peeled away, the entire audience could hear my sigh of relief. For, you see, Beethoven really did

not need to be told how to do his work, and Graham Vick did not need to be told how to do his. Under that great cloth. there was a massive, immensely handsome, polished wooden cross which almost filled the stage (and remained throughout the evening), immediately telling us that what we were to see and hear came from God and Man. Not just God, and not just Man: the two had

had heard outside the opera house in the interval, and read in some of the newspapers the following day, that what we had heard was, of course, wonderful music, but otherwise no more than a political story, with a bad man properly coming to grief and the good man and woman released from their dungeon. Politics, they said, just as we talk about politics, and hope to achieve the release of an unjustly imprisoned man, with Lord Lane getting it all wrong as usual. So glorious is the work, and so marvellously has Vick brought it to life, that I have only just begun to be irritated by those who talk of politics, as though we were truly in the Law Courts. Do, please, broaden your horizon, you who believe that Fidelio is an exciting work of music, in which there are goodies and baddies and the baddies get their comeuppance or don't, just like Tosca or Rigoletto. But Fidelio is not like Tosca or Rigoletto, it is much more like God Almichty. more like God Almighty.

The trumpet shall sound; where have you heard those words? Don't bother to

Behold, I shew you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

If you don't believe me, go back to the ENO, get, buy or steal more tickets, and listen to those final bars. You don't have to be an expert in music, you only have to listen to that stupendous ending, filled with God and Man.

No. I do not think that Graham Vick is the thirteenth Apostle, but he can see a cross and what it means; more to the point, I would guess that Beethoven knew what it meant too, even if he didn't go to church every Sunday, or indeed any Sunday. (Christ on the Mount of Olives is far from Beethoven's best work, but it strengthens Beethoven's deistic feelings, however irregular.)

Perhaps he thought that he had done crough for a day, with the Missa Solemnis. But heaven forfend that Graham Vick should ever think that he had done for the day. In the ENO programme he lists some operas he has directed, and some that are in the pipeline, and so besotted am I with vick's work, that I have sworn, shuddering, to go to Lulu, at Glyndebourne, this season, and on my birthday.

Let us come back to Beethoven and Fidelio. The clumsiness of the libretto and the awkwardness of the unfolding story hardly matter, and even if they did matter - well, the quartet in the beginning of the first Act is in its own right an imperishable masterpiece. But it is not only an imperishable masterpiece; we are talking of Beethoven, and Beethoven does nothing without mean-ing it. The quartet floats to heaven (for some, the tears begin there - mine start at the trumpet-call), and we are in no ordinary work; from this moment on, we are in the hands not of Man or God, but Man and God. But don't forget the box office; Beethoven wouldn't.

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Sarah Baxter on

Westminster's gerrymandering

isgraceful. Unlawful. Improper.
This was the verdict Dame
Shirley Porter had fought so
long to avoid. She was in London
yesterday on a flying visit, having spent
the past few years in voluntary exile in
California and Israel. She is beyond california and israci. She is beyond retirement age now and has given up politics for a life of calisthenics, speedwalking and competitive golf, but the appointed auditor, John Magill, her indomitable, thin-faced foe, has nailed because. her at last

Or has he? On the face of it, yes. Dame Shirley and five Westminster council colleagues face a surcharge of £31.6 million for gerrymandering. How satis-fying it seems that a millionaire politi-cian should be forced to pay back such an extravagant sum. In the 1980s, she courted publicity with stunts which for long-forgotten reasons involved bring-ing camels to Downing Street or dressing up as an Indian squaw. Now her public life has ended in very public

disgrace. There is a symmetry to this, Yet does anyone remember what the fuss was about? I do, but then I was in my first job as a reporter on the London magazine Time Out when the scandal emerged. A decade ago, after the local elections of May 1986, Dame Shirley feared Labour might win control of the flagship Tory borough. Instructions went to "G. Mander on housing" and to be "mean and nasty" to the homeless, many of whom were lodged outside the becough while council flats in marginal borough while council flats in marginal wards were boarded up for sale. Fellow Tories, who disliked her and her policies, began to leak like sieves to me and anyone who cared to listen.

'n practice, only a few hundred homes in the so-called battle zone wards were sold and the Tories hit on a far more effective means of staying in power. An unnaturally low council tax has kept Westminster Conservative. while local authorities throughout the land have tumbled to Labour. The whole exercise was both morally wrong and completely unnecessary. Many of those who bought the flats now have negative equity. Homeless families are still in temporary accommodation. Dame Shirley rightly stands condemned for her role in this - and her former colleague. Barry Legg, now the Conservative MP for Milton Keynes, has had a fortunate escape — but the corruption saga should never have taken so long to investigate.

Much of the evidence about gerry-mandering was revealed in a BBC Panorama programme in 1989. After that, Mr Magill began his digging operation and produced some more telling details. Seven years on, however, the scandal seems tired. Shirley Porter, who in her day was almost as notorious as Margaret Thatcher, can now be cast aside by the Tories. And it is not over yet. Dame Shirley will challenge the auditor's findings. She has the money to make good her vow to battle on "for

The inquiry has taken longer than the Second World War, she says. It is partly her own fault. Mr Magill complained in his provisional report that he was given the runaround. Some documents were shredded, others were buried deep in City Hall files. He considered Lady Porter to be an obstructive witness. "Let me just say, Dame Shirley, if you are frustrated, I am frustrated," he seethed in one encounter.

The auditor knows his verdict has to stand up in court. Leading counsel employed by him have spent months poring over the final report. Nevertheless, it cannot be right that his inquiry has taken twice as long as Sir Richard Scott's much-delayed report into arms sales to Iraq. In the meantime, the accused have had to live with the threat of unlimited fines and bankruptcy. One of them, Michael Dutt, committed

ame Shirley claims the whole affair is a miscarriage of justice. That is nonsense. But even her Labour opponents, who have battled so hard, concede that the delay has taken the edge off their satisfaction. In addition, although the Labour Party now favours the idea of swingeing penalties for "wilful misconduct" amuses them that a Tory council has been undone by Tory legislation - it opposed them when its own councillors in Lambeth and Liverpool were in the

The Nolan Committee on Standards in Public Life is soon to turn its attention to local government ethics. It should extend its brief to examine whether corruption should be treated purely as an accounting matter. A judge or barrister may be better qualified than the auditor to head some investigations, particularly since a judge has the last say anyway. Mr Magill has so far acted as prosecutor, judge and jury.

The Westminster wrongdoers have been held responsible for misusing council funds when what they did was abuse their power. Their surcharge, based on the cost of implementing the "homes for votes" policy, bears no relation to their ability to pay. As they are jointly liable, Dame Shirley will have to pick up the bill for those who go bankrupt, which also seems unfair. Does this mean that only the povertystricken will dare become councillors, when it is already difficult to attract a range of talented people?

A sliding scale of fines and a lengthy ban on holding public office, including the position of MP, might be a more appropriate punishment. A system that P·H·S | leaves me feeling cannot be right. leaves me feeling sorry for Shirley Porter



red meat. At Tuesday's WEU

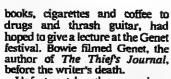
Yesterday Rifkind, a man for whom jokes grow funnier with repetition, lunched with Edmund Stoiber, the Bavarian Prime Minister and President of Germany's Upper House, at the Foreign Office. With giggles firmly suppressed a main course of beef Wellington appeared, with no veg-

Pop art

TRANSFORMING from pop star books, cigarettes and coffee to to haut intellectuel is not proving entirely painless for David Bowie. After the lukewarm critical reception of his paintings recently, he has just received a rebuff from the Institute for Contemporary Arts in London, which is staging a festival to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the death of the French writer Jean Genet, one of Bowie's heroes and the inspiration for his Seventies song. The Jean Genie.



Jean Genet: the inspiration



Unfortunately, the organisers were not so hot on the idea. The last thing we need is David Bowie pontificating on Genet," said one closely involved with the ICA festival. He was offered space to do an installation work instead. The ICA actually wanted



Bowie: the intellectual

David to contribute in some shape or form," said a spokesman for Bowie, "and he decided to contribute an installation. He was never planning to give a lecture."

Either way, Bowie's installation, featuring a coffin, peepholes and his amateur Genet films, will be exhibited on the top floor of the ICA - well away from the rest of

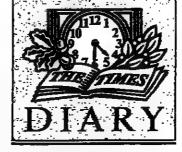
● Should Dame Shirley Porter need succour in these dark days. as she faces a bill of up to £31 million and charges of gerryman-dering, she might hark back to the early Eighties, when she founded and chaired the penny-pinching WARS: Westminster Against Reckless Spending.

Scotch froth

rilla tactician supreme.

DESPITE all of Michael Forsyth's posturing about not flying the European Union flag on Europe Day yesterday in protest at the EU's beef stance, the Secretary of State for Scotland found himself worsted. His nemesis? Mrs Jeanette Gormley, housewife and guer-

Mrs Gormley, a keen supporter of the Scottish National Party. lives above Conservative HQ in Stirling, Forsyth's constituency husband, Charles, they forced a

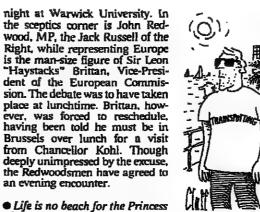


pole out of their front window and left the Euroflag to flap tauntingly above the door. Frantic calls were made to Forsyth, but to no effect.
"It's really just to upset Michael Forsyth," said the formidable Mrs Gormley. "We've been trying to get up his nose for years."

● The depiction of the Queen's fingers like bloated sausages in Antony Williams's portrait may well have alarmed the monarch. Traditionally such a characteristic has indicated low-born blood. Queen Mary, who had moreanat-German ancestors, was derided by her sister-in-law Princess Louise: "Poor May! Poor May! with her Wurtenberg hands."

Seconds out

stronghold. Together with her HEAVYWEIGHT Euro-battle will be engaged on Wednesday



of Wales who was yesterday meet-ing executives from the German carmakers BMW. Under discussion, apparently, was the possibility of the Princess trading in her snazzy BMW528i for a new coupé, the BMWZ3, which featured in Goldeneye, the latest James Bond film. The convertible would look terrific whether tooling through Kensington or zipping over to the

Rude food

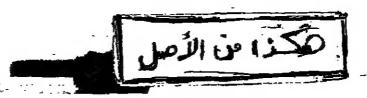
NOT content with having served beef to Chancellor Kohl when he visited London last week, the Government now seems intent on putting all visiting foreign digni-taries through their own trial by



summit, hosted in Birmingham by Malcolm Rifkind and Michael Portillo, the Foreign and Defence Secretaries, 54 foreign and defence ministers from 27 countries were greeted by bloody beef slices lapping across their lunch plates.

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DANGEROUS DIVORCE

De Klerk's decision to depart from office is premature

The National Party's decision to leave the may now follow the National Party's South African Government ends a unique period of political harmony. It leaves the country with a serious problem of reassuring overseas markets and partners.

Developments in South African public life since the elections two years ago have been widely admired. The difficult balance between the aspirations of the newly enfranchised majority on the one side and the fears of the white minority on the other have generally been managed with skill and good grace. The powderkeg in KwaZulu, Natal, has not exploded. Much of the credit for this has rightly gone to President Mandela. But he received invaluable support from Chief Buthelezi and F. W. de Klerk.

The National Party has left office in protest at the content of the new constitution adopted on Wednesday. Although Mr de Klerk voted in favour of the documents, he made plain his dissatisfaction with many sections. The party condemns the abandonment of formal power-sharing from 1999 when the new draft takes effect. It also expressed concern that the compromises negotiated on retaining single-language state schooling for Afrikaners, the power of employers to lock out striking workers, and the protection of property rights were too weak and cast largely on the ANC's terms. Its final affirmation of the Constitution, de Klerk stated, was only to avoid the country falling into chaos and to maintain inter-

national confidence. Meanwhile Chief Buthelezi and his Inkatha Freedom Party, which had boycotted the whole constitutional dialogue, said it would challenge the final text in the courts. The atmosphere in KwaZulu, where local elections have already been postponed for a month amid accusations of electoral fraud and politically inspired killings, remains poisonous. It seems that the Chief

example and quit the Cabinet too.

International markets have already reacted to this turmoil. The rand, which had already fallen sharply after the resignation of Chris Leibenberg as Finance Minister six weeks ago, has plunged again. The trend is a nervous one: the prospect of a solely ANC government faced with rising expectations and economic crisis is likely to keep nerves

The behaviour of the National Party over the last 48 hours is difficult to justify. A protest against the ending of multiparty Government in 1999 succeeds in bringing it to a close three years earlier. Why vote for a Constitution for the sake of the national interest and overseas opinion on Wednesday, and then invite a greater crisis by resigning from office on Thursday? The core of Mr de Klerk's case was the dominance of the Government by ANC members. It may soon be exclusively staffed by them. While the Constitution may not have been perfect, it contains much designed to placate white

South Africa certainly needed the normal politics of opposition at some point, but this was hardly an opportune moment. Without the restraining influence of the National Party, President Mandela will find managing the Government much harder. It is unclear whether the party itself is ready for the opposition role it has adopted. At present its only prospective partner is Chief Buthelezi. A revival of the old apartheid era alliance of Boer and Zulu can hardly be expected to temper the policies of an ANC administration. Unless Mr de Klerk changes course before June 30, when the Constitution is due to take effect, South Africa will suffer for it. It will take all President Mandela's qualities of charisma and reconciliation to limit the damage.

WESTMINSTER PROCESS

Bad judgments, bad policies and a bad system of redress

The report compiled by the District Auditor, John Magill, paints a damning picture of Tory control of Westminster council. Labour taunted John Major with its findings yesterday and the Prime Minister had to struggle hard to argue that he could not properly pronounce on the guilt of Dame Shirley Porter and her colleagues before they had put their case in open court. In principle Mr Major was justified in avoiding comment. But principle has never played much part in this sorry affair.

The case against Dame Shirley seems simple. The charge is that Westminster council neglected its statutory obligations to house the homeless in its zeal to see council houses sold to potential Tory voters. Mr Magill argues that by designating certain properties for sale, the Council kept the homeless out of them so they could remain available for any prospective buyer. Mr Magill contends that this meant unnecessary extra expenditure in rent lost and money spent housing the homeless in expensive temporary accommodation. Worse, the lives of one hundred families were allegedly put at risk by their being housed in two asbestos-ridden tower blocks while superior homes were available. Worse still, it is argued, the policy was pursued not out of a dis-interested desire to "build stable communities" but a partisan drive to build

Tory majorities. The charges are serious. Bad judgements were made. Bad results occurred. But the whole matter requires more context than has generally been given. It is legitimate, arguably admirable, for any council to encourage home ownership in an inner-city area. There may have been a political benefit for Conservatives in increasing the number of homeowners but there was also a political benefit for the Labour leader of the London County Council, Herbert Morrison, in studding the city with council estates.

Morrison was acting in a way he thought both right in policy terms, and potentially politically advantageous. The same was true of Dame Shirley.

Balancing the desirability of extending ownership with duties to those who require social housing is a political calculation. Councillors can get it wrong - and often do. If their sin is political, then the punishment should be political. If Westminster councillors pursued a policy that was fiscally irresponsible, that is a matter for the electors. This Government's forlorn defence of sterling's position in the ERM meant millions were wasted in a day but noone suggests John Major and Norman Lamont should be held personally financially liable. The electorate will decide how they should pay for their political misjudgment come the general election. It should be for the voters of Westminster to decide if they wish to be represented by an authority which pursued the Porter policies.

If councillors have been criminally irresponsible, and put lives at risk, then that is a different matter. They should be pursued under the criminal law. They should enjoy the protection of due process and, if found guilty, feel the full weight of the system. If lives have been endangered the guilty should not be judged by a district auditor who acts like a district attorney.

John Magill's inquiry has lasted longer than John Major's premiership. It has cost £2,746,233. It has placed an immense strain on the families of ten individuals originally accused of wrongdoing. One of those ten committed suicide. Three of them have not been surcharged by the inquiry but they are still much the poorer, having had to incur substantial legal costs which they cannot now recoup. This matter will not end for years yet. Before it does, the wisdom of judging local councillors and officials in this way should be reviewed, and urgently.

CITY BIRDS

The country is quieter but the town is full of song

Birds of very different feathers - conservationists, industrialists, the police and even the Army - yesterday flocked together on the banks of the Mersey. Using the world's loftiest hydraulic platform and mobilising the sort of lumbering track-laying equipment normally used to take on the might of Nato's enemies, they installed two steel boxes nearly 300 feet up on the outside of a disused cooling tower. The purpose of this quasi-military exercise had nothing to do with the defence of our realm. It was to provide a site for the peregrine falcon to breed, safe from unscrupulous humans.

Our sceptr'd isle was once a fortress built by Nature for herself. Nowadays too much of it is more like a sceptic isle, and nature's fortresses are engineered by man. The peregrine, prized by medieval falconers for the slicing speed of its stoop, has been decimated, poisoned by pesticides. Intensive agriculture has removed rural retreats. Fortunately the urban and suburban sprawls provide habitats that birds of old

would never have thought of. Choughs breed in the abandoned mineshafts of slate quarries. Kestrels hover above the banks of motorways where the rough grass verges provide shelter for the mice on which they feed. In the mooring tyres on the banks of canals coots build their homes. As birdsong grows quieter in the countryside, the towns reverberate with song. Sceptical readers will find more from our Weekend section tomorrow.

Since the passing of the Clean Air Act Londoners have seen a huge increase in the number of resident species. The black redstart came over to England after the war to take up residence in bombed buildings; it has never left. Swifts, swallows and martins build under eaves, feasting on flies spawned by rubbish. Cosseted by a blanket of urban warmth, sparrows, thrushes, wagtails and robins survive the harsh winter.

Wrens, by syrupy tradition, dwell in old kettles. But the blackbird, despising such kitsch, prefers a more technological home car engines, flue pipes and air-conditioning units. Birds feather their nests with the consumerist offcasts: polythene, chocolate wrappings, Sellotape and crisp packets.

The fowls of the air are adapting to man. Man, in turn, is increasingly more solicitous of birds. Volunteers swab oil from guillemots caught in slicks. The SAS guards the nests of ospreys. Artificial islands are constructed in reservoirs to lure water birds. Industry is bequeathing its disused structures to peregrines. Though Chaucer might find himself perplexed by the human zoo inside the Palace of Westminster, outside, in the parks and squares of London, he would find a true Parliament of Fowles.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Britain and Europe: seeking ways round the impasse

From Sir William Nicoll

Sir, The reactions (letters, May 7) to Sir Roy Denman's letter of May 1 show how the power relationship between the rest of the European Union and the UK can be misunderstood.

Unless British secession from the European Union were particularly venomous (and some of the language of today is unpropitious), there is every prospect that the UK could negotiate any one of at least three options: membership of the European Economic Area (giving access to the Single Market), of the Customs Union (although agricultural trade would be a problem), or of an industrial free trade area. There would need to be a separate reciprocal agreement on services if we wanted to hold on to free circulation and rights of establishment.

The rules of a free trade area in goods in such matters as origin, antidumping and countervailing duties would beyond doubt be those which the Union currently applies, with Bri-tish approval, in all its other free trade areas: otherwise other partners would want whatever more favourable treatment the UK had been able to secure. These rules would of course be as World Trade Organisation-proof as they already are. There would be a safeguards clause, open to either party to invoke.

The agreement(s) would provide for institutionalised meetings between the EU and the UK to ensure their good functioning. It is in that forum that the UK could expect to come under continuous pressure to refrain from allegedly uncompetitive behaviour, whether it concerned environmental measures, social and employment policy, fiscality or the exchange rate. The side agreements in the North American Free Trade Agreement show the kind of issues that would unfailingly be addressed.

Since a free trade area does not involve a common commercial policy. the UK would have no standing in EU campaigns to open up difficult mar-kets, just as the EU does not gain from the US-Japan bilaterals.

As to relations with the US, it is American leaders who tell us that out of the EU our significance would diminish. With the one dissenting voice of Mr McNamara in his retrospections. successive Administrations have now been saying it for nearly five decades.

Yours faithfully. WILLIAM NICOLL (Director General, Council of the EU, 1982-91). Outback. Nackington Road, From Mr Ronald Forrest

Sir, Mr Malcolm Rifkind's article, "A national party, not a talking shop" (May 7), will give Tory activists throughout the country hope that the party can approach the general election united on a truly Eurorealist

The Foreign Secretary writes of a Europe remaining "a partnership of nations" and suggests we should champion those "who favour looser partnership". Provided the Government implements this policy in the inter-governmental conference, and provided other leading members of the Cabinet do not now sing from a different hymn sheet, there will be no reason at all for any so-called Eurosceptic to demur.

With such a policy the division be-tween the Tory Party and the Opposition parties will be clear for all to see and a fifth election victory will be a distinct possibility.

Yours faithfully. RONALD FORREST (Chairman, Preseli Pembrokeshire Conservative Association). Delfryn, Castle Morris, Nr Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire.

From Mr Christopher Jackson

Sir, Remembering the evils brought on Europe by rampant nationalism, I shiver at the instances of ignorance and nationalist prejudice displayed on the centre pages of The Times of May 7. Balance and accuracy in this argument is important.

Woodrow Wyatt ("A change of heart on Europe") says, wrongly, that the European Parliament is "determined to be superior to ours though subordinate to the non-elected European Commission". In fact, the European Commission is responsible to the Parliament not vice versa: the commissioners may be dismissed en bloc by the Parliament, though they have not been — yet.

Westminster's support has been and is essential for all measures which have given the EP more power to counterbalance the Council of Ministers and its "unelected" civil servants - while taking no power from Westminster itself, which the EP would not and cannot touch unless Westminster so wills.

Far from being power-mad, it was the European Parliament, not the British Government, that in 1984 was first to push for the decisions-at-thelowest-level principle of subsidiarity to be incorporated in the treaties — as I know because I proposed the necessary amendment.

Being a "citizen of Europe", at which Mr Nick Royle takes umbrage in his letter (May 7), was decided not by the European Commission but unanimously by the governments of the member states, and in most cases by their parliaments - as are all treaty changes. It brings no responsibilities but a few minor benefits.

And thank goodness the Commis-sion has an office in London whose Head is willing to speak out. Otherwise the miasma of misinformation would be even more pervasive and poisonous to the public mind than already it is.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER JACKSON (MEP for Kent East, European People's Party Parliamentary Group (Conservative) 1979-94). 8 Wellmeade Drive, Sevenoaks, Kent.

From Mr Michael Shrimpton

Sir, It is surprising that the Foreign Secretary should be so openly contemptuous of those in his party who have had the courage to oppose John Major's pro-European policy since Maastricht.

If it is of any comfort to him, many of us in the Labour Party have admired the stand of the Tory Euro-sceptics and their willingness to put the national interest ahead of narrow party political considerations. They have set an example to be followed.

Your humble and obedient servant, MICHAEL SHRIMPTON. Francis Taylor Building. Temple, EC4.

From Mr Glynn Downton

Sir, I was interested to read that Malcolm Rifkind considers "global free trade, Britain in Europe, an affordable welfare state, a low-tax nation and first-rate health, housing and education" to be "the main challenges of the next decade".

Perhaps the principal reason that the Conservative Party is held in such low esteem is because the great majority of people in this country have considered the challenges enumerated by Mr Rifkind to be those of this decade, if not of the last, and the electorate is keenly aware of how feebly these challenges have been met thus far.

Yours sincerely G. DOWNTON,

CPS reforms

From Mr Alured Darlington

Sir, With concepts of fairness and independence of which any young person would be proud, the Crown Prosecution Service (articles, Law, April 30 and May 7), like the American prosecution system, should be a muchprized career opportunity. However, those responsible appear

to be keeping the CPS in a straitjacket. Talented lawyers are restricted to contested trials in magistrates' courts or a career in management in which they What other country forbids its pro-

secution lawyers to practise in its higher courts? How can a prosecution lawyer get the feel of those courts if he is not allowed to practise in them? The answer might be to permit CPS

lawyers rights of audience in the higher courts. Any concern that prosecutors in a career service might become too prosecution-minded could be met by means of sabbaticals at barristers' chambers, undertaking only defence work, and the allocation of more judicial appointments to those who make the grade.

Yours faithfully ALURED DARLINGTON (Senior Crown prosecutor, 1992-95), 10 St Mary's Road, Ealing, WS.

From Mr Paul Whittaker

Sir. Kevin Goodwin (letter, May 7) complains that the Crown Prosecution Service has not recruited lawyers for two years. In Wales several trainee lawyers have been recruited in that period and two have been appointed Crown Prosecutors in my own branch. Response to the most recent national campaign was so great that many excellent candidates have had to be placed on a waiting list.

Mr Goodwin seems to use the term "manager" in a pejorative way, but quality case management is essential to ensure that deadlines, such as the serving of committal papers, are met. This also requires the effective management of staff.

In my experience, many CPS lawyers relish the responsibility given them to manage their own casework and resources.

Yours faithfully, PAUL WHITTAKER (Branch Crown prosecutor). Crown Prosecution Service Wales, Marches Branch, Bromfield House, Wrexham Technology Park, Wrexham, Clwyd.

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Bells of Scotland

From Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel Sir. Jane Wilkinson (letter, April 23) tells us about the bells of St Leonard's. Shoreditch, which rang in honour of the Duke of Cumberland on his re-turn to London from his victory at Culloden, and asks if there are other such instances relating to the Rising of

There is a tradition in Glasgow of bell-ringing which is very closely as-sociated with Prince Charles Edward's campaign. When his army was retreating from Derby and reached Glasgow the citizens, who were Whig in outlook and politics, viewed the Highlanders with horror

cestor, known as the "Gentle Lochiel". So grateful were the provost and

and made their feelings clear. The forces of Prince Charles were so annoyed by their unfriendly attitude that they threatened to sack the city. and were only prevented from doing this by the intervention of my an-

ever a Cameron of Lochiel should officially visit the city, the bells of the Tolbooth should be rung in his honour. They were rung when Lochiel's son, Charles, visited Glasgow in 1776, while the events of 1746 were fresh in the memory of the city council, and this tradition has continued to present

baillies that they resolved that when-

In my own time as Chief of Clan Cameron since 1951, the bells have rung on three occasions. On one of them, in 1978, when they were ringing out The March of the Cameron Men with great verve and skill, I discovered that the ringers were all members of one family and that the duty and pleasure of ringing the bells had passed from father to son to

Hopefully, this tradition will long

Yours faithfully, DONALD CAMERON of LOCHIEL, Achnacarry Spean Bridge, Inverness-shire.

Right to drive

From Mr P. T. Hall

Sir, I read with some concern your report (May 4) about the veteran learner driver who has failed her driving test after 1,500 lessons.

Driving a car should not be seen as a right. The misplaced determination of her driving school to score a "pass" does no one any favours. The learner driver in question ad-

mits to getting very nervous when she is behind a wheel. I too get very nervous at the thought of someone so clearly unsuitable being allowed to drive unsupervised on our increasingly busy roads.

Yours sincerely. PETER HALL 15 Pembar Avenue Walthamstow, E17.

Changeable

From Mr Richard A. Wootten

Sir, It is my understanding that using the phrase "hours of darkness" and not "hours of light" (letter, May 6) has less to do with any Satanic influence on modern life than with road traffic legislation. It is an offence to fail to display vehicle lights during dark-

Perhaps the constabulary prefer the authority of the Met Office to information in even the best pocket diaries, which tend to favour "lighting up time".

Yours etc. R. A. WOOTTEN. Mill Hall. Porters Mill, Droitwich, Worcestershire.

Living wills

From Dr Christopher Burns-Cox

Sir, The letters from Mr Roger Goss and Dr Margaret White (May 3) on medical ethics and "living wills" may worry readers. Mr Goss states that the patient starves to death if a feeding tube is removed. Death in one to three weeks is due to the effects of lack of body fluid, not starvation. Dr White refers to death from thirst. There is no evidence that in this situation people feel thirst. Meticulous nursing keeps the mouth clean and moist.

The living will is a sensible way of helping others to do what the patient would have wanted: it reduces the suffering of family and friends. Every adult, as well as carrying an organ donor card, should make a will and a living will and provide an enduring power of attorney.

Yours sincerely, CHRISTOPHER BURNS-COX (Consultant Physician), Frenchay Hospital, Frenchay Park Road, Bristol.

From Dr Helen Cosgrove

Sir, Dr Margaret White suggests that a person who is comatose may also be peaceful and at rest." Unfortunately the two are not synonymous.

If people are unable to express themselves (either in words or through movement) because of neurological damage, that does not mean they may be incapable of experiencing massive pain or distress caused by that damage. We are not, and never will be, in a position to judge.

Yours faithfully, H. COSGROVE. 2 Durham Road, Lanchester, Durham. May 3.

Women's equality 'still to be won'

From Ms Tessa Jowell, MP for Dulwich (Labour)

Sir. Your report on the increase in the number of complaints of sex discrimination at work made by men ("Femi-nist accuses men of abusing sex equality laws", May 6) gives less than the full picture.

It is true that the Equal Opportunities Commission received more complaints about job recruitment from men (820) than women (803) last year but, by reporting only these figures, you fail to acknowledge the extent to which women still experience discrimination at work.

The EOC received thousands of other complaints of discrimination last year, almost all of which were made by women. There were 1.488 complaints about maternity pay and conditions and 456 from women who had been dismissed because of pregnancy. Of the 735 complaints about sexual harassment and 1,079 complaints about unequal pay, roughly 99 per cent came from women.

The figures relating to complaints of discrimination in recruitment practices say more about the changing nature of the labour market than about "anti-male discrimination". With the disappearance of traditionally "male" jobs in manufacturing, men are increasingly applying for part-time jobs. What they are finding is they are being turned down because these jobs are still considered "women's jobs". In effect, the figures simply show that men are now experiencing stereotypical attitudes in the same

way women have for years. Discrimination is wrong, whether it be against men or women, but don't let us be lulled into believing that the battle for equality at work for women is anywhere near being won.

Yours sincerely, TESSA JOWELL (Shadow Minister for Women), House of Commons.

Bullfighting

From the Director General of the

Sir, The RSPCA deplores the barbaric "sport" of builfighting and the fact that Cristina Sanchez (report and leading article, May 2) has killed about 400 bulls so far is nothing to be

British taxpayers are still inadvertish breeders commonly exploit loopholes in European rules to claim subsidies for the breeding of bulls used in fights. Despite international condemnation by animal welfare groups. bullfights are still common in Soain. Portugal and France and in fact are on

The slow, gruesome death of more than 30,000 bulls each year in Spain alone (which would be illegal in any slaughterhouse under EU legislation) is a serious animal welfare problem which the RSPCA will continue to campaign against.

Yours faithfully, PETER DAVIES, Director General, RSPCA. Causeway, Horsham, West Sussex.

From Dr Jeremy MacClancy

Sir, Cristina Sánchez is not "about to become the first female matador, or first division bullfighter, in the history of Spanish bullfighting" as your re-port states. There is a long history of women reaching the first division.

What distinguishes Ms Sanchez is the fact that she does not win popularity by playing on her femininity: she relies on the traditional values of pluck, grace, and great determination.
As she has said, "Sex is irrelevant inside a bullring. The bull does not ask for your identity card."

Yours faithfully. JEREMY MacCLANCY (Author, Sport, Identity and Ethnicity, Berg, 1996). Oxford Brookes University. Department of Anthropology, Gipsy Lane Campus, Headington, Oxford. May 3.

Art bypass

From Mr John Murphy

Sir. Can anyone in the arts establishment explain why the Matisse, Ver-meer and now the Corot exhibitions leapfrog this country?

I am, Sir, yours faithfully, JOHN MURPHY. White House, Pewley Hill, Guildford, Surrey. May 6.

Flower power

From Brigadier Norman Allen (retd)

Sir. I note with much regret (report, May 2) that the Army's trained strength has declined to 104,000 less than the membership of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies.

Should General Sir Charles Guthrie require reinforcements, there are many formidable battalions in the NAFAS.

Yours faithfully, NORMAN ALLEN (Administrator), NAFAS, 21 Denbigh Street, SWI. May 3.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 9: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this evening attended a Dinner in support of the Award at Mariborough House, London SWI, given by International Petroleum Exchange to celebrate their Fifteenth Anniversary.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 9: The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this morning vis-ited Poppy Limited, 44 High Street, Yarm, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire (the Lord

Gisborough). Her Royal Highness, Patron. National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, later visited Stockton and District Advice and Information Service, Bath Lane, Stockton-on-Tees, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham (Mr David Grant).

The Princess Royal, President, the Missions to Seamen, after-wards opened the Seafarers Centre, Seal Sands Road, Stock-

ton-on-Tees.

Her Royal Highness, President,
The Princess Royal Trust for
Carers, this afternoon attended a
Fund-raising Luncheon and
opened the North Tyneside Carers
Centre, Neptune House, Neptune
Road, Wallsend, and was received

The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, later attended a Reception at the Vermont Hotel, Castle Garth, Newcastle upon Tyne. Her Royal Highness, President, British Olympic Association, this evening attended "Blood Brothers" at the Theatre Royal. Newcastle

Ralph Carr-Ellison).

The Princess Royal, President

ST JAMES'S PALACE May 9: The Prince of Wales this afternoon gave a Reception and presented Long Service and Brav-

ery Awards to members of the Gloucestershire Potice Force. His Royal Highness, President, Royal Agricultural College, this evening gave a Reception for staff YORK HOUSE March 9: The Duke of Kent, Patron, Ski Club of Great Britain,

today presented the Pery Medal, at Square, London SWI. His Royal Highness, Grand Master, the United Grand Lodge of England, this evening attended a reception and dinner. Masonic Hall. Braintree, Essex. The Duchess of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, this morning visited the 1st Battalion, The Prince of Wales's

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Logistic Corps. will attend the Army Catering Competition at St Omer Barracks, Aldershot, at 10.15.

The Princess Margaret will open the new general practitioners unit and ward for the elderly, Walton Hospital, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, at 3.55; and will visit Lady Manners School, Bakewell, at 2.30. The Duke of Kent, as Colonel of the Scots Guards Association, will attend a dinner at the HAC. Bisley, Princess Alexandra will present

badges and certificates to graduate nurses of the Nightingale and Guy's College of Health, at Central Hall, ster, at 2.00.

Luncheons

HM Government Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at I Carlton Gardens in honour of Dr Edmund Stoiber, Minister-President of Bavaria and President of the Bundesrat, Federal Republic of

Anglo-Spanish Society
The President of the Generalitat of Catalunya was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Anglo-Spanish Society he terday at the Travellers Club. The

Spanish Ambassador, president, and Sir Robin Fearn, vice-chair-

Sevenoaks School

The following Awards are announced: Sixth Form (16+)

Saciville Scholarships Elizabeth Cass (Woldingham); Rhian Jones (Walthamstow Haili; Julie Bailey (Sevencaks); Susan Buchan (Combe Bank).

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Keily (Walthamstow Hall): Anna
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Andrew Gourley (Solefield): Tanya
Preston (Holmewood House): Arny
Anhur (Cumnor House): Thomas
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Raitharina (Hazziwood): Benedict
Spokes (New Bezcon): Gemma Steel
(Vineball): Richard Tallea (Holmewood House).

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Art Awards James Lawman (Solefield): Samuel Wilkin (Holmewood House). Music Awards

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Scholarships
Benedikte Hill (Holy Trinity College);
Helen Stamp (Coopers Company);
Szi-Wun Li (St Mark's, Hong Rong;
Edward Holt (Reigate St Mary's);
James McVinnie (Sevenoaks);
Leopold von Bulow Quirk (Russell
House); Alec Frank-Gemmili

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Amy Arthur (Cumror Rouse); Tanya
Preston (Holmewood House); Alexa
Scoones (Sevenoaks); Jaamine
Leonard (Granville); Samuel Crouch
(Russell House).

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Sports Awards
Andrew Hill (Penrice); Dalsy Bunn
(Handcross Park); Laura-Anne
Barstow (Holmewood House); Lynn
Collis (Holmewood House);
Stephanie Haverhals (Pennthorpe);
Jesse Newton (Holmewood House);
Thomas Rezaldin (New Beacon);
Blake Sergeant (Holmewood House);
Jason Whitmore (New Beacon);
Samuel Crouch (Russell House);
Laura Hawkins (Granville); Flona
Hedges (Granville); Sophie
Robinson (Combe Banki; Jonathan
Tassell (Barnard Castle Prep).

Specialist Awards

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The Worshipful Company of Pipe
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Achievement
Mary-lane Roberts (Badminton):
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Memorial service

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Peter Mansfield, journalist, was held yesterday at St Stephen's Gloucester Road, SW7. Canon Christopher Colven and the Rev Reginald Bushau officiated. Mr Richard Adams, nephew, read the lesson. Mr Richard Lock-yer, Mr Afif Safieh, the Palestinian General Delegate to the United Kingdom, and Sir James Craig, President of the Middle East Association, gave addresses. Mr Sami Lash, Minister Pleni-

potentiary, represented the Em-bassy of Jordan and Mr Cyril Townsend, MP, director, with Mr Abdul Maiid Farid, vice-chairman, The Council for the Advance ment of Arab British Understanding. Representatives of the Embassies of Egypt, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Lebanon were

The Hon Mrs Edward Pleydell-Bouverie

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of the Hon Mrs Edward (Pearl) Pleydell-Bouverie will be held in aulieu Abbey Church on Friday, May 17, at 3pm.

Appointments

The Prince of Wales has appointed Mr Jonathan Skan as an Assistan Private Secretary in succession to Mr Matthew Butler who will be returning to industry on comple-Own Regiment of Yorkshire, Dale Barracks, Liverpool Street, Chestion of his extended secondment. Mr Skan will begin his two-year secondment from BZW Asset Management in July and have particular responsibility for HIs Royal Highness's charities working in the community and with oung people. His Royal Highness has also

appointed Lieutenant-Commander John Lavery, RN, to be his Equerry from July. He will replace Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick Tabor who is returning to duty with the Mr Anthony Figgis to be ambas-

sador to Austria in succession to Mr Terence Wood who will be Mr Richard Alan Bowman to be a Master of the Supreme Court, Chancery Division, from May 10. Today's birthdays



Maureen Lipman, the actress, is 50 today: Sir Denis Thatcher is 8i

Mr W.F.W. Bischoff, chairman, Schroders, 55; Bono. singer, 36: Mr William Cash, MP. 56; Sir Brian Corby. former chairman, Prudential Corporation, 67: Major-General Peter Davies, Director-General, RSPCA, 58; the Marquess of Downshire, 67: Mr Jonathan Edwards, ath-lete, 30; Major-General Edward Fursdon, defence consultant, 71: Sir Edward Gardner, QC, former MP, 84; Lord Justice Kelly, 76; Mr Justice

Laws, 51; Sir William Lithgow,

industrialist, 62; Lieutenant-General Sir Anthony Mullens, 60; Lord Mustill, 65; Sir David Orr, former chairman. Unilever, 74; Sir Angus Paton, civil engineer, 91; Mr Bruce Raymond, jockey, 53; the Earl of Rothes, 64: Mr Michael Shea, former press secretary to the Queen, 58; Lord Smith, 82; the Duke of Sutherland. 81: Mrs Barbara Taylor Bradford, author, 63; Sir Duncan Watson, former president, the World

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Augustin Jean Fresnei physicist, Broglie, France, 1788; Sir Thomas Lipton, grocer, yachts-man and philanthropist, Glasgow, 1850; Gustav Stresemann, German Chancellor 1923 and 1924, Nobel Peace laureate 1926, Berlin, 1878; Karl Barth, theologian, Basie, 1886; Fred Astaire, dancer and actor, Omaha, Nebraska, 1889.

DEATHS: Leonhard Fuchs, physician and botanist, Tübingen, Germany, 1566; Ulisse Germany, 1566; Ulisse Aldrovandi, naturalist, Bologna, 1605; Jean de La Bruyère, writer, Versailles, 1696; Louis XV of France, reigned 1715-74, Versailles, 1774; George Vancouver, explorer, Richmond, Surrey, 1798; Paul Revere, American potriot, Boston, Massachusetts, 1818; Thomas Young, physicist, London, 1829;

George Clint, portrait painter. London, 1854: Thomas Jonathan (Stonewall) Jackson, Confederate eneral in the American Civil War. Chancellorsville, Virginia, 1863 Sir Henry Stanley, explorer, London, 1904; Joan Crawford, actress, New York, 1977; J.B. Morton (Beachcomber), satirist and historian, Worthing, 1979. The Indian Mutiny began, 1857. The Central Pacific and Union Pacific railroads linked up at Promontory, Utah, to complete the

Dr Ivy Williams became the first woman to be called to the English Winston Churchill replaced Nev-ille Chamberlain as Prime Min-

Service dinner

Adjutant General's Corps The officers of the Adjutant Gen-

their Headquarter Mess at Worthy CB, Deputy Colonel Commandant, presided. Major-General M.D. Regan, OBE, Mr Richard Tilt, Major-General D.L. Burden, CB, CBE, Judge Martin Tucker, QC, Mr C.H. Grinsted, JP, and officers recently commissioned into the Corps were among the guests.

Dinner

Old Mercers' Club Mr W.O. Clarke, Master of the Mercers' Company, accompanied by Mr D.A. Tate, House Warden, and Mr M. Wakeford, Clerk, were the principal guests at the annual dirmer of the Old Mercers' Club held last night at Mercers' Hall. Mr P.F. Clark presided.

The London Institute

At a ceremony held yesterday at The Cochrane Theatre. Southamp-ton Row, Mr Julian E. Markham, Chairman of The London Institute's Court of Governors, conferred the Institute's first honorary fellowships upon the following distinguished alumni working in the field of art and design: Mr orsunguished adurant working in the field of art and design: Mr Patrick Caulfield, Mr Tom Eckersley, Miss Lydia Kemeny. Mr Ralph Koltai, Mr Colin Pearson, and Gilbert and George.

Travellers Club

The Right Hon Malcolm Rifkind. QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was Guest of Honour and Speaker at a Travellers Club Evening held last night at the club. Sir Peregrine Rhodes, Chairman, presided.

Royal Navy

Rear-Admiral F.P. Scourse to be Acting Controller of the Navy from May I in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Walmsley.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.P. Biancalana and Miss E.A. Phillip The two families are happy to announce the engagement of Ralph Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.P. Biancalana, of Houston. Texas, and Elen Angharad, only

daughter of Professor and Mrs Glyn O. Phillips, of Radur, Cardiff. Mr R.M.R. Burridge

and Miss S.M. Barradell The engagement is announced between Richard Michael Roll. elder son of Mr and Mrs I.D.C. Burridge, of Waltham St Lawrence, Berkshire, and Susan Melanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.J. Barradell, of Tutukaka, New

Mr P.A.C. Carter nd Miss G.E. Perry

The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Carter, of Bedmonton. Kent, and Gemma, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Perry, of Dell Quay, Chichester. Mr J.B. Chivers

and Miss G.M. Browning The engagement is announced between Ben, son of Mrs Judith Chivers and the late Mr John Chivers and the late Mr John Chivers, of Cambridge, and Georgina, daughter of Mr Chips and Dr Angela Browning, of Shadwell, Leeds. Mr L.M. Hansson

and Miss C.W. Buchanan The engagement is announced between Magnus, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Leif Hansson, of Lerkil, Sweden, and Catherine, only daughter of Mr C.A. Buchanan, of Lisbon, Portugal, and Mrs Polly Nelson, of Florida, USA.

Mr D.L.T. Murphy and Miss R.E. Boone The engagement is announced between David, son of Mrs Julia Murphy and the late Leo Murphy. of Oxford, and Rachel, elder daughter of Mrs Carol Boone and

the late Nicholas Boone, of Upper Slaughter, Gloucestershire. Mr G. Sandilant and Miss S.L. Axford The engagement is announced between Graham, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Sandilant, of

Lugarno, Sydney, Australia, and

Sarah Louise, daughter of Mr and

Mrs Peter Axford, of Virginia

Mr W.C.B. Peggie and Miss S.A. Caplan The engagement is announce between William, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robert Peggie, of Broughty Ferry, Dundee, Scot-land, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Caplan. of St Lawrence, Jersey, Channel

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Islands. Mr D. Southern and Miss V. Blackwood

The engagement is announced between David, son of Dr and Mrs Keith Southern, of Titchfield, Hampshire, and Vanessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Blackwood, of Edinburgh. Mr H.W. Stevens and Miss D.K. Falle

The engagement is announced, from Hong Kong, between Henry Wykeham, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W.H. Stevens, of North Perrott, Somerset, and Dania Katarina, elder daughter of Advocate Richard Falle, of Grouville, Jersey, and Mrs Juliana Falle, of St Clement, Jersey,

Mr S.A. Wilkins and Miss K.J.S. Bovd Mr John Boyd, QC, and Mrs Boyd, of Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, are pleased to announce the engagement of their only daughter. Karin, to Simon, only son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Wilkins, of Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Marriage

Mr W.A.L. Coben and Miss L.J. Wheatley

The marriage took place yesterday at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall of Mr William Cohen, youngest son of the late the Hon Hugh Cohen and of the Hon Mrs Cohen, o Crowthorne, Berkshire, to Miss Louise Wheatley, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Owen Wheatley, of Sutton Coldfield.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Oliver Cohen, Hugo Cohen, Emily Cohen, Henrietta Cohen, Oliver Wheatley, Hannah Wheatley, Sebastian Wheatley, Ollvia Wheatley, Molly Eldridge, Venetia Cohen and Miss Susie Eldridge. Mr John Longbottom A reception was held at the home

the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Scotland.

eral's Corps (RMP); Lt-Col Godfrey Jason John McFall. The Parachute

Armed Forces honours and awards

Details of awards for callant and distinguished service in the former Republic of Yugoslavia, Northern Ireland and Angola are published

Former Republic of Yugoslavia

BARTO DSO Le-Gen Sir Rupert Anthony Smith, late Parachute Regiment. DSO LI-Col Jonathon Peter Riley, The Royal Welch Fusiliers.

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James Boag, Corps of Royal Engineers; Maj Christopher Duncan
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drew Peter Farquhar. The Green Howards: WO2 David Carrett. Coldstream Guards; Staff Sgt Kristian Rhys George. The Royal Logistic Corps; The Rev Leslie Tyrone James Hillary, Chaplain to the Forces 4th Class, Royal Army Chaplains' Department: Li-Col Clive Osborne Hodges, The Kings Regiment: Maj Timothy James Hurley. The Princess of Water's Royal Regiment; Sgt Neat Craig Kerr. Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers; Maj Phillip Jeffery King, The Royal Gloucestershire. Berlishire and Wiltshire Regiment: Li-Col Simon James drew Peter Farquhar. The Green

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CARR - On May Sth. to
Adrian and Sandra. a
daughter, Natasha Laurene.
Congratulations! CHIPPENDALE - On May 9th 1996, to Louise (nie Webb) and Mark, a daughter. Lauren Rost Joy.

PAAS - On April 28th. to Deirdre (née Stamp) and Richard, a soo, James Robert Leonard, a brother for

HUME - On May 3rd 1996, to Margaret (née Lewis) and Mark, a son, Alexander, s Margaret (nos Lewis) as Mark, a son. Alexander, brother for Suphle. JACKS - On May 5th, Linda (nos Butcher) a daught Vicholas. a daughte Catherine Eresna. Micholas. a daughter. Katherine Erems. LOSS - On 4th May 1996, to Catherine and Edward, a daughter. Harrier Mary. as safety for Harry and John. MELLETT - A desuphter. Eliza Eve to Richard and Patricia (nét Spency), a stour for Alexta and Edward, on 8th May. OWE - On 29th April 1996, to Susan (née Capen) and Roxy, a daughter, Emily Joy. (IDSDILL SMITH - To

Frances (née Cocksyne) and William, a son, Laurie William, on Tuesday 7th May 1996 at the West Suffetk Hospital

THOMAS - On 11th Apr. 1996, to Julia and Paul, a beautiful daughter, Laura Besirice. MARRIAGES

BROSE:YOUNG On Saturday 4th May 1996 between Jolian S. Brose, son of Mr and Mrs P. Brose, and Miss Miranda G. Young-daughter of Dr. and Mrs N. Young, at the St. Sarkds Armenian Church, Kennington. DEATHS

Allisstone - John Lloyd.
On May 6th, one week before his 90th blythday, anddenly but completely peacefully in the special care of west wittering Private Nursing Home. Devoted husband of the late Eisle Eaves. Singer and broadcaster, and a much loved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, unde and friend. Funeral at Chichester Crematorium on Friday May 17th at 4.30 pm. Chichester Crematorium on Friday May 17th at 4.30 pm. Denations in ties of howers to RAF Benevolent Fund

Memorial Service in Sania Euclaita, Iniza.

CONMAN - Jame Emma Duder, peacefully at Keho Hospital on 8th Mary, 1996, Jame, tole Harvey-Webb). Edrom. Duns, Berwickshire, Callist and formerly Director of International Cello Central Wife of Christopher, mother of Francis. Maeve and Lucy, grandmother of Andrea, also adoltive mother of Hanry, Helen and Irina. tister of John, George and Margaret. Funeral Service at 12 noon on Monday 13th May at Edrom Church. Duns. Internant thereafter in Church Yard, No flowers please, but donations welcome to Alzheimer's Society. (England). Gordon House, 10 Chemicol Piace. London SWIP 1PH. London SWIP 194.

DOMAN - Elleen (nie Sader)
pasceinty in her siere on 8th
May 1996 at Thornton-leDale. North Yorkshire.
Beloved wife of the late
William Boran and much
loved stepmother of Michael.
Christopher. Tony and
Adrian. Service and
cremation at Woodlands
Cremation at Woodlands
Crematorium. Scarborough. BELL - On May 7th 1995 peacefully at his home after a long illness. Major Bruce, his Scots Chards aged 66 years. Beloved mustand of Shelis, father of Christophir and Andrew. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St. David's Church, Little Dew Church, Hareford, on Friday May 17th at 3.30 pm. No flowers, no letters by request. If denired donations for St. David's Church and Little Dew Church Village Hall may be sent to Colin D. Quintey. Abbotsfield Funeral Directors. Monkmoor Street. cremetion at Woodlands Cremetion. Scarborough. on Wednesday May 15th at 1.20 pm. Flowers to F.A. Stockill & Son Funeral Directors. Snainton. Scarborough or donations if wished to Age Concern. Collection box will be provided at the service or donations may be sent to F.A. Stockill & Son, tel: (01723) 859279.

PERSONAL COLUMN DEATHS DEATHS

DURME - On May 7th, 1996, Francis Joseph Langan, beloved by his wife Anne, his children, Lucy, Crispin, Tom and Exama, his grandchildren and his sisters and brothers. Funeral Service will be held on blonday May 13th 1996 at 12 noon at 81 Benet's Church, Beccies. Family flowers only, please but donalous - it desired - to The Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Centre for Ex-Servicemen and Women, Kirkley Cliff. Lowestoft, Suffolk. BROWNISON - Herry, Died peacefully in Kingston Pleacefully in Kingston Pleaceful Pleaceful Courses, aged 87 years. Funeral Service at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hamphan Coort Way, 2 pm Wednesday 15th May, All family and friends most veicome. Flowers to F.W. Paine, 108 High Sirest, Ester, by midday.

CLOYER - Suddenly on Sth May, 1996, Charles George of South Sloke, Private funeral to take place neaf a long filmess Peter Cooper F.C.A., died peacefully at his home in libra, on 9th May, Cremation in Barcelona. There will be a Memortal Service in Santa Enkäls, Iniza.

EDWARDS-JONES - Isobel. furnerity at Ballantine Dykes tobs 14-C-Borpoid, on May 8th 1996 peacertuity, beloved wife of Tony and adorsed mother of Endb. Alice and Victoria. Methorial Service St. Mary's Church. Ulgenhaff, on Tuesday May 14th at 2.50 pm. No flowers. Donations to Button Hospice. Warwick Road, Warwick and St. John's Ambulance. Stratford-on-Avon.

HOLROYD - On May 7th
1996 at The Goldsborough
Nursing Home Harrogats,
aged 96 years, Susanne
beloved wife of the late
Richard, dear mother of
Caroline and Ste. Service at
St Wilrid's Church, Duchy
Road, Harrogate, on Monday
13th May at 1.15. Interment
private. Family flowers only
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may be given in St Wilfrid's
Church. MACGINNIS - Mary Frances
Odolly) May 3rd aged 38.
Beloved daughter of Carolyn
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of the Immaculate.
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Wednesday May 18th.
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Marden, Kent. if desired
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VII Hospital for Officers,
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Buckingham Place, London

DEATHS SARANTIS - Byron Frangiscos peacerully at hothe on 7th May, after a long illness borne with great courage. Dearly loved husband of Annells, beloved father of Stephanie and Valentino, proud grandfather and great-grandfather. The tuneral look place in Athene at look place in Athene at

took place in Athens or Wednesday 8th May. Wednesday on May Shaffith - Peacetoffly at the Andrew Smith Unit Dunston: Hell Hospital, on May 9th aged 75 years, Dr. Andrew Smith O.B.E., F.R.C.G.P., of Whichton Measuration and

aged 75 years, Dr. Andrew Smith O.B.E., F.R.C.Q.P., ed Whichham Newcastle upon Tyne. Much loved husband of Denise. Service at Whickham Parish Church on Monday 13th May at 1.45gm, followed by private cremation. No flowers but donations to N.E.A.D.S. Sheriff Less, Springfield Road, Newcastle NE5 5DS. THOMAS - Bernard aged 75 years in St John's Hospice. Lancaster, of Shartesbury Place. Lancaster, the dearty loved husband of Peggy, much loved father of the less Caristopher, loving father-inlaw of Sne and devoted grandpa of Alexandra. Funeral Service will take place at Lancaster and Morecardose Crementonium on Wednesday 15th May at 11.30 cm. Family Sowers only please. Donations in Bernard's memory may be given to St John's Hospice. Lancaster and will be gratefully received by Puneral Directors J. Mason. & Son. 17 9 Moor Lanc. Lancaster. tel: (01524) 68304.

TOWNEND - Edward Pcham aged 72 suddenly on Monday

Concase. Tel: (01024) 65204.

TOWNEND - Edward Pelham aged 72 suddenly on Monday 6th May 1996 at Wecham Park Hospital. Very much loved husband of Pam. father of Mark and grandfather. Funeral at Chaltoni St Peter's Church at 3 pm on Thossisy 14th May followed by cremetion at Chillerns Grematorium. Family flowers only. Donations may be given to Wexham Park and Heatherwood Hastr Trust 1/8 Arnold Funeral Service. 38 Oak End Way, Gerrards Cross. \$1.9 SER. lef: (01753) 891892.

DEATHS TREBY - Poter Henry, Dearty loved husband of Satty latter of Frances and Alam grandfather of Harriel, died suddenly on Fridny &rd May, Funeral Service at St Mary's Hertingfurdoury on Monday 13th May at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Dountions to British Heart Foundation. THANKSGIVING

MACIGNILL - A Service of Triumssiving for the life of Robert Edward MacIonii will be held at St Bride's Church. Fleet Street, London, ECA on Tuesday 4th June 1996 at IN MEMORIAM -REDELL - David. in cons loving me tory of my dertin

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OBITUARIES

General Jean Crépin. Commander-in-Chief of Allied Forces, Central Europe, 1963-66, died on May 4 aged 87. He was born in Bernaville (Somme) on September 1,

A PROGRESSIVE weapons engineer who was responsible for France's remarkable postwar achievements in missile development, Jean Crépin also has his place in the history of the Fifth Republic for his steadfastness in its time of peril during the Algerian crisis in 1960. When General Massu was dismissed from his command of the Algiers Army Corps on January 22, 1960, after publicly disagree-ing with de Gaulle's thoughts on home rule for Algeria in the columns of the Munich newspaper Süddeutsche Zeitung, Crépin was appointed in his stead.

The situation was explosive. A popular paratroop commander, Massu was the dar-ling of the Army. His sentiment "We no longer understand the policy of de Gaulie ... the Army will never leave Algeria," echoed the inmost thoughts of most of Algeria's French settlers. Even General Challe, de Gaulle's Commander-in-Chief in Algeria who was then on a visit to Paris, was equivocal in his support of the President of France. Several of de Gaulle's ministers also feared that the dismissal of Massu would lead to a revolt.

They were proved right. In Algiers French citizens took to the streets and barricades were elected. Demonstrators roamed the streets shouting "De Gaulle au poteau" (De Gaulle to the gallows). Pierre Lagaillarde, a Deputy in the National Assembly, put on his paratrooper's uniform and, at the head of a crowd of insurgents, siezed the university buildings, shouting: "We prefer death to surrender!"

At the head of his corps Crepin stood firm. Over loudspeakers he broadcast a nonstop demand that the insurgents surrender. He had the rebels' electricity and water cut off. He prevented other rebellious spirits from approaching the university.

Within a few days the revolt was over and its members laid down their arms. Lagaillarde was arrested and sent to Paris. Cremin's invalty was rewarded by his being made C-in-C

Jean Crépin was the son of a

GENERAL JEAN CRÉPIN



northern industrialist. Educated at the Lycée Saint-Louis in Paris, he later graduated from the École Polytechnique. He then joined the Army and as a young lieutenant served in the colonial artillery in China in 1930 and then in the Cameroons, North Africa and the Sahara. The outbreak of war in 1939 found him serving as an artillery chef d'escadron. He had already made himself a reputation as an innovative gunner, and his principles of artillery co-ordination and range-finding were to prove useful to the Free French

Army in North Africa. In August 1940 Major, later Marshal, Philippe Leclerc, who had been sent by de Gaulle to the Cameroons. ists in Victoria, British Cameroons, where they had gone from Douala, French Camercons, then occupied by the

Vichy. The Free French retook Douala and then Gabon. Crépin later fought with Leclere's 2nd Armoured Division in Libya and alongside the British in the Tunisian campaign of 1943. He later rose to command the artillery of the 2nd Armoured Division and was in that post when Leclerc entered Paris in August 1944.

De Gaulle, who appreciated this gruff, no-nonsense but highly capable officer, made him a Compagnon de la Libération, the highest Free French honour. At the end of the war the 2nd Armoured Division was involved in the capture of Hitler's fortress at

But within a few months of the end of the war in Europe Leclerc, Crépin and other officers were on their way to Indo-China with the French expeditionary force. Crépin inspector-general of arms pro-

was appointed deputy commanding officer of French forces in northern Indo-China

and took part in negotiations

with the Vietminh.

The failure of these talks led to Ho Chi Minh declaring a war that was to have dire consequences for France and the United States. While Leclerc occupied Hanoi, Crepin was appointed Commissaire de la République in Tonkin and North Annam.

He did not stay long in Indo-

China. Back in Paris in the late 1940s. Crépin was promoted to the rank of general and moved onto the political stage as senior military adviser to the Defence Minister Rène Pleven and the Prime the mid-1950s he became deputy secretary-general of national defence and then

grammes, a position that was a precursor of his later role in developing tactical missiles. He moved to Algeria in

1959, serving as an army corps commander fighting the FLN rebels south of Oran before being switched to Algiers, where he made a name for himself for his suppression of the "Barricades Revolt" in the city streets.

After his period as C-in-C Algeria, Crépin was made commander of French forces in Germany in 1961. Shortly afterwards he was made Géneral d'Armée, becoming at the age of 53 the youngest-ever five-star general in the French Army. Then, in 1963, he became Commander-in-Chief of Allied Forces, Central Europe, the last Frenchman to hold that command before de Gaulle withdrew French forces from the integrated Nato command in 1966.

A new career started after he retired from the army in 1967. There was a shake-up at the top of Nord Aviation, makers of military transport planes, such as the old Nord 262 and its replacement, the Transall. At the point at which the French Government appointed Crépin as its chairman, the company had moved into battlefield missiles.

The new head, with his lengthy artillery experience. was to oversee the development of both anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles, two areas of tactical guided weapons in which France gained a world-class reputation at that time. Crépin also encouraged his engineers to undertake programmes devoted to anti-missile defence systems and research into vertical take-off and landing. He organised the compa-

ny's merger with Sud-Aviation, noted for the Caravelle jetliner as well as military systems, and Sereb, the ballistics missile company. All three came together as SNIAS (Société Nationale Industrielle Aérospatiale) in 1970 which, in turn, became, the current aerospace giant, Aérospatiale, of which Crépin served as vice-chairman until 1975. During the same period (1972-75) he headed the Franco-German Euromissile group, devoted to anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles.

He was holder of the Grand-Croix de la Lègion d'Honneur, the Distinguished service Order can Silver and Bronze Stars. His wife Simone predeceased him and he is survived by his two daughters.

DOMINGUIN

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Dominguin, Spanish bullfighter, died in Sotogrande, Cadiz, of a cardiac arrest on May 8 nged 69. He was born in Madrid on December 9. 1926

ALL of Spain, and not just the sentimental world of builfighting, was plunged into grief by the sudden death of the bullfighter Dominguin. Dominguin's prowess had been celebrated during his lifetime by Ernest Hemingway and Ava Gardner - in their different ways and for very different

The bullfighter, whose real name was Luis Miguel González Lucas, had been a national icon for most of his eventful life. Born into a bullfighting family, he achieved fame as much by his many conquests outside the bullring as by the

skill he displayed once inside it. Rakishly good-looking, muscular and taller than most Spaniards of his generation, Dominguin was an adroit and arrogant bullfighter, who ascended to the status of "matador", or the first division of bullfighting, at the early age of

His father, also a builfighter, who fought under the name of Domingo Dominguin, steered his son towards the bullring as a youth. The boy was barely 12 when he faced and killed his first becerro, or young bull aged between two and three years. At a mere 14 he became a novillero, or a fighter of bulls older than three. Bulls grow fiercer as they get older and at four years of age are believed to have reached their most aggressive peak. It is these bulls - fierce, full-grown toros - that matadors face in the ring, and for Dominguin to have done so at the age of only 17, at a time when Spain's bulls did not suffer from the present curse of gentleness, was a considerable feat in-

he had now been renamed by his public) became a close friend of Hemingway and was a passionate admirer of the American writer's classic work on bullfighting, Death in the Afternoon (1932). Dominguin's apparent rivalry with Antonio Ordónez - a contemporary and arguably better matador - caught the attention of Hemingway, and retationsrup in his book The Dangerous Summer (1959), published first as a three-part serial in Life

magazine. Yet this rivalry,

Later in life, Dominguin (as



according to Joaquin Vidal, the most acute observer of tauromachy today, was probably "more literary than real". Dominguin retired from the bullring in 1960, and his

departure was marked in verse by Rafael Alberti, now the nonagenarian doyen of Spanish poetry, in Un solo toro para Luis Miguel Dominguin. Luis Miguel. Vuelvo a los toros por ti. yo, Rafael. Por ti, al ruedo, al redondel — ¡ay, con más años que miedol — Luis Miguel," he wrote (translated as "Luis Miguel. I, Rafael, Return to the bulls for you. To the bullring for you, to the arena
- oh, what fear when we are older! - Luis Miguel.")
There was another kind of

poetry in the life of Dominguin - who married the Italian actress Lucia Bose in 1954: the poetry of women. His deftness with cape and sword apart, it was really for his conquests of beautiful women, of whom there was an apparently endless stream, that Dominguin was lauded in Spain and abroad, His most public relationship, by which he first captured the imagination of the non-bullfighting film star Ava Gardner.

Once, in 1956, when Miss Gardner was in a Madrid hospital for a minor operation.

well. He gradually relin-

quished these in the late 1980s.

however, and concentrated

he filled her room with 56 vases of red roses, one for every year gone in the century. Their affair, which lasted from 1953 to 1956, was expected to end in separation from Lucia, but that did not happen until over a decade later. Miss Gardner, recalling those days later in life, sometimes regretted that she did not marry Dominguin. The bullfighter, however, had no such regrets. When asked recently if he should have married the glamorous actress he replied simply: "No. She would have left me no time for the bulls."

Dominguín was also linked at various times with Rita Hayworth, Lana Turner, Lauren Bacall, Brigitte Bardot and his own niece Marivi. That last affair so scandalised Carmen Polo de Franco with whose husband, the General, Dominguin often went hunting — that she ordered a curt halt to his relationship with the girl.

Dominguin was friend also of Pablo Picasso. When Dominguin made a brief and ill-advised comeback to the ring in 1971. Picasso himself designed the matador's farewell suit of lights.

wife, Rosario Primo de Rivera, whom he married in 1987, and by a son and daughter from his first marriage.

PHILIP RIDLEY

Philip Ridley, CB, CBE, Deputy Secretary at the Department of Industry. 1975-80, died on May I aged 75. He was born on March 25, 1921.

PHILIP RIDLEY'S reputation as a "safe pair of hands" at the Department of Industry (later the Department of Trade and Industry) was enhanced by his handling of the Flixborough disaster in the summer of 1974. As the man from the ministry responsible for Britain's textiles and chemicals

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industries, he helped to set up the inquiry and to co-ordinate events following the explosion at a Humberside chemical plant in which 29 people died and 100 nearby houses were destroyed.

That the country's chemicals industry did not suffer more collateral damage through an erosion of public confidence was at least partly due to Ridley's reassuring efficiency in the months which followed. With four years experience behind him as Commercial Counsellor at the British Embassy in Washington, Ridley was then an Under-Secretary at the Department of Industry - the Whitehall department in which he had spent most of his career. Twelve months after Flixborough he was promoted to Deputy Secretary at the ministry with a wider are of interest, before retiring from

Whitehall in 1980. Yet Philip Waller Ridley had originally embarked on a career at the Foreign Office. and he still entertained some regrets about switching to the Home Civil Service. Born in Sanderstead. Surrey, he was the son of an architect who, on finding clients hard to come by during the 1930s' Depression, invested instead in a Sussex farm. It was there that Philip lived in his teenage years. cycling two miles a day to a country station to catch the train to Lewes County Grammar School.

He won a scholarship to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he rowed for the college before taking a first in modern languages. His course was

shortened to two years because of the Second World War, and on graduating he was immediately called up by the Army. Ridley was commissioned

into the Intelligence Corps and sent off to West Africa for two years, returning to take part in the battle for North West Europe. He was landed by a glider in Germany as an intelligence officer attached to the 6th Airborne Division and fought with them until VE-Day. He remained in Germany

after the war, attached as a major to the British Control Commission in Berlin, then returned to join the Foreign Office's German section. There he found himself engaged on similar work to that which he had just left, but this time in the role of a civil servant. He left the Foreign Office after three years, concerned that the turbulence of overseas postings could dis-rupt his children's education. He moved instead to the 1955-56. After two years at the Atomic Energy Office he re-turned to the Board of Trade, then in 1966 left for his tour in Washington, He was appointed CBE in 1969 and CB in 1978. On retiring from the Civil Service, Ridley became a di-

had terrible consequences. St. Pierre, the commercial capital, with all its inhabitants,

has, as already announced in The Times of this

presume the entire population is destroyed. I have brought away the few survivors, about 30. All the vessels in the roads burnt and lost.

The volcanic eruption continues. I am leaving

This disaster has stunned the French public.

The cruption of Mont Pelée began on Saturday

night, when large quantities of cinders were thrown into the surrounding country, obliging the inhabitants to take refuge at Precheur, St. Philomèle, and St. Pierre. The eruption was

not thought to be serious, but on Monday the Guerin factories, two miles from St. Pierre,

were destroyed and 150 persons were missing. On Tuesday the Governor, M. Mouttet,

announced that a torrent of mud and burning

for Guadeloupe to obtain provisions."



rector of the Avon Rubber Company and also accepted a number of consultancies mainly with chemicals and associated industries, an area thereafter on voluntary work

Conservation of the countryside was a chief concern. He was a leading figure in the Chailey Common Society, as well as his local foothpaths society and the Farming and Wildlife Action Group, which seeks to bring farmers and conservationists together.

A big man, 6ft 2in tall and

around his Sussex home.

well built, he kept himself lean and fit with long country walks, energetic gardening and skiing. He continued downhill and cross-country skiing until two years ago. But he was also fond of music. especially opera, and made regular pilgrimages to Glyndebourne five miles away. He was a calm, phleg-matic and well-liked civil servant who was known for being considerate to subordinates. His rather old-fashioned, episcopal manner earned him the affectionate sobriquet of "the bishop", which he accepted in good spirit

Ridley married his wife Foye, a friend from childhood, in 1942 when she was 19 and he had just turned 21. They had to bring forward the wedding because he was posted by the Army to West Africa. She survives him, together with two sons and a daughter. Their elder daughter died 30 years ago, shortly after their arrival in the United States.

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THE DESTRUCTION OF ON THIS DAY ST. PIERRE. (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) PARIS, MAY 9. The volcanic eruption in Martinique has

St Pierre was completely devastated by the eruption of Mont Pelee; only one of the town's inhabitants was reported to have escaped death.

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lava was pouring down the White River Valley. The torrent has engulfed the town, which, with its suburbs, had nearly 36,000

Reuter's Agency hasbeen informed by a ttleman lately resident in St. Pierre that, while it is difficult to estimate exactly the number of white people in St. Pierre, there were probably not less than 1,000 "more or less white people in the town. It is believed that only a few, probably not more than half a dozen, Englishmen were there. These were engaged in trade, and in all probability there would be also one or two Scotsmen, in charge of the machinery of the sugar refineries. The

town of St. Pierre is a well-built and bustling typical West Indies town, picturesquely sit ated on the plain at the foot of Mont Pelee, the crater of which is five miles distant. The volcano, which has been quiescent for many a year, is the most northerly mountain on the Island. It is nearly 5,000ft high, and is situated in the centre of a region of which St. Pierre

formed the southern boundary ... The terrible extent to which the town must have suffered may be judged from the loss of life occasioned to the shipping in the harbour. which would probably consist of small coasting steamers and sailing vessels, together with larger ships which may have called for orders. The Roraima and the Roddam are both British vessels, and both have English officers and crews. The Roddam had 26 officers and men on board, and probably also 14 native labourers. A telegram received from St. Lucia late yesterday afternoon announced that the Roddam had arrived at St. Lucia from St. Pierre without her anchor and chain, and with her tarpaulin and running gear burnt. This means that the ship escaped only by cutting her anchor chain and steaming out of the harbour at all speed. The fact is evidence of the appalling suddenness of the catastrophe, for notwithstanding all efforts 17 of the crew lost

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A wildlife dealer who had endangered species killed to order and their skulls and skins smuggled into Britain was jailed at Chester for two years

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A Belgian court investigating corruption has issued an international arrest warrant for Serge Dassault, the powerful French industrialist

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■ Spinach sales are soaring. Supermarkets believe children watching Popeye cartoons on television are behind the 100 per cent jump in demand. At first 250g packs were most popular, but now bigger packets are selling. Tesco, which maintains year-round supplies with imports from around the world, expects spinach to be one of its best-selling products.... Page 9



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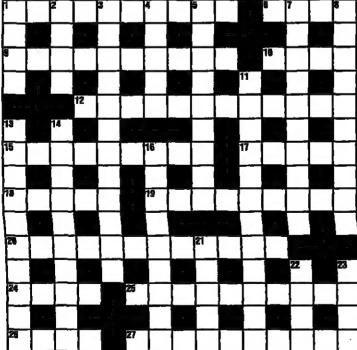
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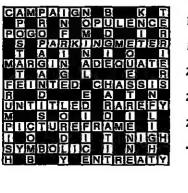
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southeast later ☐ London, SE England, E Anglia: bright or sunny intervals. Occasional showers. Wind fresh, northeast. Chilly. Max 13C (55F).

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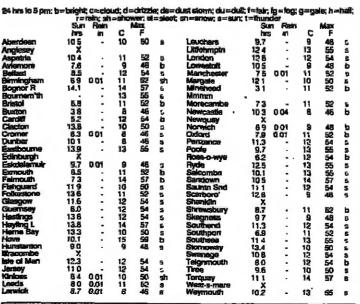
England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N, Edinburgh & Dundee Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow: cold bright start. Cloud building with showers likely in afternoon, dying out later. Wind moderate or fresh, northerly. Cool. Max 13C (55F) □ E England, NE England, Bor-

ders: mostly cloudy, showers, some heavy. Overcast by evening with rain later. Wind fresh, northerly. Cold. Max 11C (52F). Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: bright with sunny

periods. Wind light, northerly. Cool.

Max 10C (50F) □ N Ireland: bright with sunny periods, a few showers later. Wind light, northerly. Cool. Max 11C (52F). Outlook: rain or drizzle in the northeast gradually clearing. Elsewhere, brighter with some showers.

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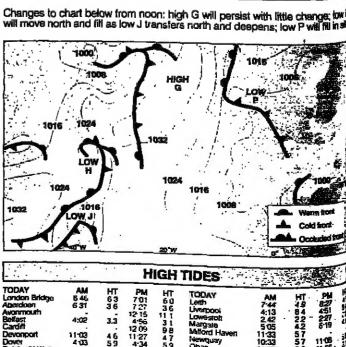
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